

## MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met on January 9, 2018, at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Kevin Rochel, Dennis Gustafson, and John Bruno, Missy Glenna, Clerk, Karen Anderson, Treasurer (arrived 7:25pm), Lee Cartier, Maintenance and Township Engineer, Ryan Goodman. Guests: Sue and Mike Laughlin, Owen Kuhnly, John Chrun, Angel Permaloff, Eric Ekman, Tom and Teresa Rongitsch, Steve Voigt, Jim Hamann, Jeffrey Butt

Dennis **motioned** to open the meeting at 7:00p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Dennis **motioned** to approve the agenda for the meeting with the following additions: under Township Treasurer 2018 Levy and under Committee Reports Joint Powers Agreement. John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Kevin **motioned** to approve the December 12, 2017, minutes as presented. Dennis seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

### **Citizen/Public Comment:**

Residents expressed concern and disappointment over the solar field saturation happening in Franconia Township with regard to impacts on wildlife and view of the countryside.

### **New Business:**

#### **a. Olinda Trail Solar LLC-Conditional Use Permit (CUP)**

Dennis **motioned** the Franconia Township Board approve the Olinda Trail Solar LLC CUP with the following conditions:

1. Field verification is not done (which can't be obtained until spring thaw). Therefore, their application is not complete.
2. Setbacks need to be 1,320 feet off the centerline.
3. Double rows of pine trees needed around the perimeter.
4. Solar field needs to be 600 feet from any house.
5. Federal Standards needed for filtration on inverters.
6. Separate Maintenance Bond needed for perimeter trees.
7. 10 foot drainage and utility easement needed along the eastern right-of-way from the south end to the north end.
8. Construction hours same required hours as typical road construction 7am-7pm Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday, No Sunday or Holidays allowed unless emergency.

John seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

## Old Business:

- a. Tom Parenteau-Road Vacation—Tom was not in attendance. Item moved to next month.
- b. Pat Myers-Part-time Hours—Pat was not in attendance. Item moved to next month.
- c. Jake Braking Ordinance—The ordinance is in effect as of January 4, 2018, when it was published.
- d. Sign Program—There was discussion regarding the Sign Program.

## Maintenance Report:

Lee stated he has been plowing and salt/sanding. He has been servicing vehicles as well. Lee brought up discussion regarding the need for culverts to be replaced in the township.

## Engineer's Report:

There was discussion regarding seal coating.

## Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer provided a Cash Control Statement, a Current Investments Statement, a Receipts Register, a Disbursements Register, and a Statement of Orders Issued (Schedule 9).
- Dennis **motioned** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. John seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- Dennis **motioned** to approve the payroll with checks #12439, 12453-12457 and claims #314-315, 332-333. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.
- The 2018 Levy was discussed.

## Clerk's Report:

- Dennis **motioned** approve the Clerk's Claims 000118, 12459-12473, ph000118. Kevin seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

## Committee Reports:

- There was discussion regarding the Shafer/Franconia Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- CCATO meeting, January 24, 2018, 7pm, North Branch Senior Center
- Franconia Township, regular meeting, February 13, 2018, 7pm

Dennis **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. John seconded the motion; Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa (Missy) Glenna

Franconia Township Clerk

Dennis Gustafson

Franconia Township Chair