

Franconia Township, Minnesota
Town Board of Supervisors Meeting – March 4, 2025
Franconia Town Hall, 25156 St. Croix Trail N, Shafer, MN 55074

MINUTES

Town Board Members Present

Owen Kuhnly – Chair
Sonny Sparby – Vice Chair
Doug Wallis – Supervisor
Cristina Mlejnek – Engineer
Lee Cartier – Maintenance
Karen Anderson – Treasurer
Chuck Fitzer – Clerk

Residents Present

Alyssa Auten

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Kuhnly called the monthly Franconia Township board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Sonny Sparby made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the February 4, 2025, Franconia Township Board of Supervisors monthly meeting were reviewed. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

New Business

Franconia Sculpture Park Liquor License Applications – Doug Wallis made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03-04-01, Resolution To Approve A One Day Liquor License and Resolution 2025-03-04-02, Resolution To Approve A One Day Liquor License, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

Engineering Report - Cristina Mlejnek

240th Street – Scandia opened this project for bids in mid-February. The cost estimate for Franconia Townships half of the project is currently \$585,000.

Timeline for Other Upcoming Projects – The rebuilding of the bridge to Osceola will likely take place in 2027. The construction of the roundabout at MN 95 and MN 243/260th Street will take place in 2026. The state of Minnesota will give us \$200,000 for repair of damage to due to road projects.

Town Hall Site – Owen Kuhnly stated that we need to get a realtor to give us an appraisal of the land the township plans to sell. Sonny Sparby was directed to engage a realtor in the next week or so to get the appraisal.

Road Tour – The 2025 road tour will be Saturday, March 29 at 9:00. Participants – Owen Kuhnly, Sonny Sparby, Doug Wallis, Lee Cartier, and Cristina Mlejnek – will meet at the Franconia Town Hall.

Quarry Road, 259th, and Quinlan – The board will take will look at Quinlan on the road tour and make a decision on road work that day. The board discussed the fact that it would be nice to have a turnaround on Quarry Road. Jake had put together some figures on that project, which Cristina will locate. It was reported that the board is having trouble getting answers from Chisago Lake Township on the 259th and Oakman project. Owen Kuhnly will take an estimate for the project to a Chisago Lake Township board meeting.

Five Year Plan – Cristina Mlejnek will not be at the Annual Town Meeting on March 11. She will update the five year plan and have it available for residents at the meeting.

Maintenance Report – Lee Cartier

Maintenance Report – Lee Cartier reported that he and Jim have been cutting trees and sanding some icy areas. Lee reported that he met with contractor about brushing on Franconia Trail.

Clerk Updates – Chuck Fitzer

Permits – Chuck Fitzer sent the monthly building permit report to the town board members after he received it.

March Town Board Election – Chuck Fitzer stated everything is ready for the March 11, 2025 town board election and annual township meeting.

Treasurer Updates – Karen Anderson

Reports and Claims - Karen Anderson reported that the checking account is balanced. Karen Anderson presented for approval to the board claims #2458 thru #2480 for a total of \$33,320.89 #14289 thru #14292 totaling \$6,289.17. Karen Anderson went through the Treasurer's Report. Doug Wallis made a motion to approve all claims and payroll checks as presented, and to approve this month's Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Sonny Sparby. Motion carried.

2026 Levy – Doug Wallis made a motion to increase the 2026 proposed township levy from \$920,000 in 2025 to \$946,100 in 2026, seconded by Owen Kuhnly. Motion carried.

Annual Town Meeting – Karen Anderson will not be at the Annual Town Meeting on March 11 but will provide for residents copies of the 2024 treasurer's report and 2024 City/Town Financial Reporting Form.

Old Business

None.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Joint Powers Meeting – March 10, 2025 – 7:00pm – Shafer Franconia Fire Station

Town Board Election – March 11, 2025 – 10:00am – 8:00pm – Franconia Town Hall

Franconia Township Annual Meeting – March 11, 2025 – 8:30pm – Franconia Town Hall

Board of Canvass Meeting – March 11, 2025 – After Annual Meeting – Franconia Town Hall

CCATO Meeting – March 26, 2025 – 7:00pm – Rushseba Town Hall

Township Road Tour – March 29, 2025 – 9:00am – Franconia Town Hall

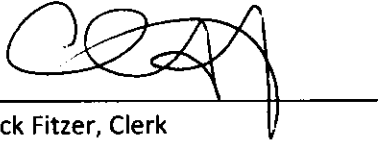
Franconia Township Board Meeting – April 1, 2025 – 7:00pm

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting – Wednesday, April 16 – 1:30pm – Franconia Town Hall

Sonny Sparby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doug Wallis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted April 1, 2025,

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Chuck Fitzer, Clerk

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Owen Kuhnly, Chairman