

# San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting

February 10, 2014

Because there was no heat in the townhall the meeting was moved to the home of Chairman Maidie Felton. The meeting was called to order at 7:15. Those present were: Supervisors: Maidie Felton, Larry Schmidt and Jerry Scott. Treasurer Denise Anderson, Clerk and assistant: Sandy Johnson and Heidi Schmidt. Five residents and Mike Wanaus from Carver County Soil and Water.

Motion was made to postpone regular business and start the meeting with information from Carver County regarding the Sibley County Ditch #70 project. Carver county and landowners in San Francisco township have just recently learned about the petition by landowners for Sibley county to take over the ditch just west of Carver County. Sibley County has seemed to have followed proper protocol (stat 103E) by using an area less than 3 Sq miles no environmental impact studies were needed and they do not need to initially involve the DNR. Statute 103E does however state that the impact of residents downstream must be considered. There is question as to whether this has been done.

The landowners present and Mike agreed there would be impact on the area that ditch 70 flows into. There have already been instances of roads underwater in wet springs. Back up at the ditch crossing on Co Rd 52 was also noted. No hydrologist was used for this project so far.

The ditch has passed the township and county level. It will need a DNR permit, we may not be notified of the progress of the project as they have deemed there is no impact on us.

Our recourse: Call DNR and petition to stop progress and reassess.

Larry made a motion that we start a petition to encouraging Sibley County to reexamine the project and its' effect on San Fran. twnshp landowners. Jerry seconded. Approved. Larry and Maidie will work on putting this together. Larry also requested Mike search for funds available through the county to assist the township in dealing with the larger volume of water such as: bigger culverts or building roads up higher.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Treasures report was read and approved. Chkng: \$178,451 and Svng: \$181,714

ROAD AND BRIDGE: In order for the plow to turn around on Langley Ave the plow drivers must use the residents yard. This results in free plowing for him, but liability or the township. There should be an agreement between the township and the landowner for liability purposes.

Larry talked to Sam N about the rock garden in the right of way. They will move them in spring.

Mailbox at Klatt residence needs to be moved back from road.

People have been plowing snow across the road and they have been notified that this is not permitted.

TOWNHALL: Furnace is broken it needs to be replaced. Electric service is only a 60 amp transformer and can not run a space heater. Larry has a bid for a 10,000 watt elec wall furnace. Motion made and carried for him to move forward to have this installed as soon as possible. He will also work with the electric company to increase the size of the transformer.

Larry has obtained a bid from Kohls Insulation for \$1175 to insulate the attic. Orkin has a product with insecticide to combat Asian beetles and boxelder bugs. Heidi will get a bid for March meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No news on gravel pit expansion,

ELECTIONS: Automark failed testing. Tech in scheduled to look at it this week.

The county has been sending email correspondence to an old Hotmail email that hasn't been used in 3 years resulting in lost communications.

Sandy used an old form for candidates. Carver County made us get a legal opinion to accept an application without an applicant phone number.

Judges for March election: Nora, Maidie, Esther, Denise, Peg, Gladys and Bev.

Motioned made and carried to accept the above listed judges.

FIRE: We pay 49% of BP fire bill. Larry Schmidt has accepted a position on the fire board. He and Maidie will be reviewing the tax figures to be sure this payment split (based on property value not population) is fair.

OLD BUSINESS: CTAS needs our \$300 payment for updated system which should be implemented in March.

NEW BUSINESS: CCA is looking into Jaguar internet service. If township is in we can sell service back to residents. Motion made for Denise to submit the survey needed to be included.

Denise will buy a laptop to the township clerk to use after several problems with lost data and use of personal computers by clerks making it hard to turnover to another user.

Motion was made to change the clerk position to an appointed/hired position rather than an elected position. This making transitions much easier. This must be presented at annual meeting.

Maidie, Sandy, Denise and Heidi presented a proposed levy for 2015. After review, Larry made a motion to approve and Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

#### 2013 AUDIT:

LS 3/11 Ron Olson Construction ck5484 \$8047.00

MF 1/14 Jerry Scott ck5448 \$138.52

MF 12/19 BP Herald ck5454 \$50.00

LS 5/31 Bryan Rock ck5517 \$

MF 2/11 BP Rural Fire ck5463 \$4663.88

LS 6/17 WU Luther League ck5515 \$300.00

MF 3/18 Taxpayer Services ck5475 \$2253.69

MF 2/25 Election Systems ck5476 \$415.76

Motion made by Larry, second by Jerry to adjourn meeting at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted

Heidi Schmidt – Assistant SFT clerk