

San Francisco Township - Carver County - MN

March 17, 2014

San Francisco Township Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Maidie Felton. Those present were Supervisors: Larry Schmidt, Maidie Felton and Kevin Lundquist, Treasurer Denise Anderson and Clerk Sandy Johnson, Deputy Clerk Heidi Schmidt.

A resident asked about a township email list for notification of township meetings, such as last month's annual meeting. Maidie believes she has an old one that can be updated and used for such purpose.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and corrected to read Rural Fire. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report shows \$178,757 in checking \$181,718 in savings

Election results reported as 68 votes. Supervisors contest counted as: 50 votes for Kevin Lundquist and 18 votes for Kim Wylee. Clerk position 64 votes for Heidi Schmidt and 2 write in votes.

New officers will be installed at the short course on Wednesday in Mankato.

The board reviewed and approved the township bills in the amount of \$19,267.52

Maidie Felton suggested that we compile the election costs now vs before and present them to the Secretary of State to show them the unreasonable cost for a small township when they are required to use the automark machine and follow other restrictive regulations.

Ken Theis was present discuss putting up a new shed for storage behind his new residence and continuing to function as a Contractor's Yard. The ordinance forbids two contractors yards to run side by side. All business would have to be on one parcel. There are documents showing that the yard was intended to be moved to Ken's property from his former property now owned by his son. Larry made a motion to recommend approval. Maidie seconded. Approved.

Larry made a motion that if there is a planning and zoning issue on the agenda it can be heard first and followed by the monthly business meeting. Maidie seconded. Approved.

Larry made a motion to raise the treasurer pay to \$380/6 mo and the clerk pay to \$350/mo base pay plus \$75/mo for office use. Second by Maidie. Approved.

Motion was made to continue banking at Klein bank and that township notices will be posted on the townhall bulletin board. Seconded. Approved.

The board discussed going over the resolution books and decided to do it another night.

Sandy noted that financial reports must be to the state auditor by March 31st. They are aware that our 2013 data was lost and are accepting an abbreviated report. Sandy will email what we have.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Scott Smith requested to come to our April meeting to give notice about the County Road 40 bridge replacement. They need a conditional use permit from the township.

Maidie made a motion that Heidi should get bids for dust coating for the next meeting. We should email previous participants for road frontage measurements.

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Last year Envirotech out of CO gave us bad service. They had different drivers every time with different contracted trucks and were often unsure where they were suppose to go. This year we should be sure part of the bid is a local contact person. Calcium Chloride was used last year and seemed to work well.

The new furnace is installed. It works well. Larry will be in charge of starting it on meeting days.

Larry in on the BP Rural Fire Committee. They use tax capacity to calculate rates. Larry and Maidie have been studying if this is fair. Right now we have 1/3 of the population and pay 51% of the bill. They will propose the same kind of set up.

The levy doesn't need to be certified until September. The board needs to total and discuss the cost of snow removal for the last unusually snowy winter.

A motion was made at 8:50 to recess the meeting until Friday at 3:15 so that that Kevin would be sworn in and take his oath and the board could have a reorganizational meeting. Seconded approved.

Meeting was reconvened Friday, March 21st at 3:20.

New electees have taken their oath of office. Certificate of Election has been filed.

The Thies CUP permit was discussed. The assumed county meetings will be May 11th Board of Adjustment and the Planning and zoning on the third Tuesday. Motion was made to word the recommendation to the county Planning and Zoning as: "SFT April 15, 2002 meeting minutes show the board desired to approve the moving of the Theis's contractor's yard to the adjacent property that Ken and Wendy intend to build their new home on. Because the yard is grandfathered in on a gravel road the board will not require that it is located on hard top and will follow the wishes set forth in the April 2002 minutes. Board recommends that the existing entrance through Tony Theis's property be closed and the yard screened with trees."

Wording for the recommendation to the Board of Adjustments as follows: "we agree the contractors yard will be less than 500' from the Tony Theis residence and some of the outside storage for dirt may be less than 500' ft from the neighbors but yard will have appropriate screening when required."

Wording was changed from first motion to include "Board recommends approval of an IUP vs. a CUP." Seconded. passed.

Regarding the Sibley Aggregates discussion of expanding the pit on County Road 11. Maidie will call Terry Herman, PE at Oliver Surveying & Engineering to review the study presented by Sibley Aggr. Applicants will probably be at the April meeting. It would be good for the supervisors to have discussion before hand.

Regarding Sibley Ditch 70: Should the board call a meeting of those involved; Carver County, Sibley County and landowners? If so they will chose a date at the April meeting. If there is not an agreement to make the ditch work for all those affected the townships recourse is to sue Sibley County for damages.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Heidi Schmidt
San Francisco Township Clerk