

San Francisco Township - Carver County - MN

San Francisco Township meeting April 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by chairman Maidie Felton. Those present were: Supervisors, Larry Schmidt Kevin Lundquist and Maidie Felton Treasurer: Denise Anderson and Clerk Heidi Schmidt. Approximately 6 residents.

Emerson was present from EB Tree service to discuss trimming along township roads. Larry & Kevin went over the areas where they wanted brush removed this year. The supervisors will talk to any landowners with large trees near the road before any work is done.

Scott Smith from Carver County was present to discuss the bridge replacement on County Road 40 over Bevens Creek. He presented a large package of plans and specs. He acknowledged 3 other projects close by: Bridge on Co Rd 43 just north of East Union, bridge on Co Rd 41 just north of 53 and a culvert on Co Rd 50 just West of East Union. All these projects would affect the detour and must be coordinated so two roads are not closed at the same time. Project is at the stage of getting bids and waiting for bond money. If started cement must be poured by mid September. San Fran. Twnshp must sign off on the project. Larry made a motion that they did such and that they are aware the area is a flood plain. Kevin seconded. Passed. Maidie noted that someone needs to notify Emergency units that service the township, so they are aware of the projects. Scott confirmed the county will do that.

Kim Whaley asked about dust coating program for 2014. Heidi has found only one company that serves our area unless we want to apply solution ourselves. The company is Envirotech, the same one used last year. The program will stay the same as the previous years with the new price factored in. Maidie made a motion to use Envirotech and for Larry to contact them and get the right price quote and then Heidi to send out letters to all residents on gravel roads within two weeks. Larry seconded. Approved.

LeRoy Chard and Kristen Pauly (engineer) were present to discuss the Chard Tiling's application to expand the Hanson gravel pit located on Co Rd 11. They have decided to withdraw their application and to proceed instead with a request for San Fran Twnshp to amend it's mining ordinance. They site issues with trucks per hour, hours of operation and allowance of recycling grinder. Current ordinance allows 12 trucks/hour and operation from 8-5 and no recycling of material permitted.

LeRoy explained the recycle grinder was the same process as crushing rock and was used only 1-2 weeks at a time and 3-4 times per season. Recycled material is required in most projects. Kristen added that the amount of material stored on site can be limited. They would like clarification on the 12 trucks per hour. Is that an average for a day or is that per actual 60 minute increments?

Troy Gilchrist from Kennedy & Graven was present as attorney for the township. He recommended Chard Tiling submit a written withdrawal of the application they presented. He will create a form for a Zoning Application that the Township would require be completed to as part of any Zoning Application, this would be required to request an ordinance amendment. Troy also recommends a board member talk with the county to see what steps and notifications they will require for a new mining permit and what will they do about the old 22 acre one that is now mined out? Maidie will have this conversation with them.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed by the board. Larry motioned to approve them, Kevin seconded. Approved. Minutes may be emailed to board members ahead of time for their review to eliminate reading them at the meetings.

Treasurers report: \$156,641.88 in checking. \$181,725.96 in saving.

Tentative dates for the Theis hearing (for contractor's yard relocation) with board of Adjustments will be May 14th. The hearing at planning and zoning for the CUP will either be May 20th or June 17th.

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The new ramp has been vandalized. Someone pulled it off of the piers. Heidi will report it to insurance and get a police report if necessary.

Road review: Kevin and Larry have surveyed the roads. They find them in good condition for this time of year, with very little frost damage. They have identified areas that need gravel and grading and submitted a report. Projected repair come within the 2014 budget. Next year we will ask for bids for the road work, but it is too late this year. Maidie motioned that we proceed with the road repairs as outlined and hire Ron Olson and Dave Hellriegel to do the work at approximately 50% each. They should start in about a week. Motioned seconded. Approved.

Kevin is arranging for some black top millings to be put on the hall parking lot. This should eliminate some of the mud.

Denise has offered to work on the township website. Heidi will get her the information. The board will consider what information needs to be made available on it next month. Dust coating information is one item that should be available online for residents.

Carver County has opened a 60 day public comment as of April 16 for amendments they are requesting to the Roadways System Plan of the 2030 comprehensive plan. They already had the information meeting and have sent out a package. Maidie will review it and report to the board next month.

Meeting adjourned by vote at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Schmidt
San Francisco Township Clerk