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San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting - October 19, 2015

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on October 19th at 7PM. Board members convened at 6:45 to review accounts payable and authorize payments.

The business meeting was called to order at 7PM by Chairman Doug Weber. Present were Board members: Larry Schmidt, Kevin Lundquist and Doug Weber, Clerk: Heidi Schmidt, Treasurer: Denise Anderson and 6 residents.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by the board online and approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$211,583.55 in checking and \$266,985.64 in CDs. Report accepted.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

- Culvert on 166th needs final inspection. Kevin pulled the road closed signs. Larry will call the county to find out who removes the erosion matting and when.
- Culvert on Homestead Rd (near town hall) is complete and seeded.
- The culvert for Kelly Lake Rd needs final county approval. Engineers are reviewing it now.
- Kevin will put the last 2 flags on the culverts.
- The encroachments at the Niskanen property is open until spring
- Dave Helregal has completed the culvert on Market Ave and it is seeded.
- A new sign needs to be installed at Market and 255th St.
- Olson Constr. will dig out the culvert on Market (near Denise) soon the crops are out.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There was a discussion about the records kept in the store room. Denise and Heidi have put everything in plastic/sealed tubs for now. Sorting through boxes is a long tedious process and could be done by the board this winter.
- Doug went through more of the process to change to Nov elections which was made a resolution at the March meeting by the electorate. Per state statute the board must place this question on the March ballot and the resolution will state that it was initiated by the electorate. Larry is concerned because there is a big learning curve for a new clerk and the possibility of a new clerk and 2 new supervisors during the same election cycle. After further discussion Larry made a motion to adjust the terms of the treasurer and 2nd supervisor to coincide but only if the appointed clerk ballot question fails. Doug already wrote and checked with MAT that we could do this change in the resolute and ballot question. Doug will complete work on the resolution for the next meeting.
- Doug has reviewed the appointed clerk ballot question that was also made a resolution by the electorate at the March meeting and discovered per state statute that there needs to be a petition from the residents with signatures totaling 15% of the number of votes in the last election to make resolution from the electorate valid. So it was decided that the board would place this question on the ballot. Doug is unsure if changing to an appointed clerk is a good change as it would mean that the township becomes an employer and that comes with employment paperwork and responsibility on managing an employee but there are also positives as an appointed clerk doesn't have to be a Township resident which opens up the pool that can be drawing from to fill the clerk position. Larry made a motion to include the change from an elected clerk to an appointed clerk on the March ballot. 2nd and passed. This needs to be in the form of a resolution for the next meeting and will state that this was a board initiated resolute and not an electorate initiated resolution. Doug will also work on this resolution for the next meeting along with a sample ballot question.
- Road grading is waiting for moisture. A resident says the old grader used to scrape off the washboard areas and hoped we could suggest that to the current operator.
- Dust coating was reimbursed for private roads in the past. Lundstead Rd group would like a reimbursement for this year. Heidi and Denise will determine amount for next meeting.
- Neighbors of Merle Volk have obtained a copy of his old mining permit from 1977. The permit calls for dust coating done by the operator. Larry and Kevin were called to witness over 20 trucks/hour hauling to Chanhassen. Residents want to know how to get this stopped when it happens again. They will get a stop work order from the county, but who at the township will enforce it? The 1977 permit was issued by the county and should be enforced by them, but they have passed this on to the township as the road

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authority when asked about it. Doug will talk to the county about the old permit and its enforcement. Merle has told the township board that he will do no more hauling. Neighbors are only asking for calcium chloride to be applied to minimize the dust.

Clerk Notes:

- Met Council has adopted Thrive MSP 2040. This updates our comprehensive plan and will automatically be adopted December 2018 if we do not formally object to the changes. Heidi will review a section at a time and bring it to the board each month. Residents will also be encouraged to read it with a link to MetCouncil through the SFT website.
- Meeting adjourned 8:22PM - Respectfully submitted by Heidi Schmidt / San Francisco Township Clerk