

San Francisco Township - Carver County - MN

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting - November 16, 2015

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on November 16th 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 10 residents.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by the board online and approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$140,884.22 in checking and \$266,985.64 in CDs. Report accepted.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Dick Olson was present to discuss maintenance of Market Ave. A resident needs some work done in a ditch that is on the San Francisco portion of the road, but on the Hancock side. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the ditch? Dick recalls in the mid 1980s the county recorded the roads in sections for the townships to maintain. Hancock twship has assumed they maintain the entire road including ditches. Larry (SFT) is sure that the maintenance refers only to the top surface. Who should be issueing driveway permits if the property is in one township, but another township is doing maintenance? Larry suggested they work together on maintenance instead of multiple trucks going down the same road. Dick says that was tried once and doesn't work. Doug will do some investigation of county records before making a decision on the pending culvert work. If Hancock is right then SFT replaced their culvert at the Market/Joyce Road intersection. Also noted is that we have paid to brush hog ditches for Faxon and Hancock that we may not need to maintain.

- Culvert on 166th needs final inspection.
- Culvert on Homestead Rd (near townhall) is complete and seeded.
- The culvert for Kelly Lake Rd has final county approval. Work has started.
- Kevin will put the last 2 flags on the culverts.
- The encroachments at the Niskanen property is open until spring
- Olson Constr. will dig out the culvert on Market (near Denise) soon the crops are out.
- There is a cast iron tub in the ditch on Joyce Rd near CoRd 50
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The board will meet next Saturday morning at 8AM to do fall road inspection.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Application received for a variance on road frontage to correct a 1 acre lot along Joyce Road to a 1.8 Ac lot leaving the remaining field with insufficient road frontage (360' vs 500) to be conforming. Township approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Doug read and explained the resolution to change the township elections to November instead of having them in March. Resolution #1503. The clerk and treasurer positions were changed and motion made to accept the resolution. Final copy will be presented in December.
- Resolution 1504 was discussed. Larry stated the reason behind the recommendation was that an elected clerk could be someone unable to do the job therefore leaving the township in a state of chaos. Doug is gathering more information and will present the resolution in December.

Clerk Notes:

- Met Council/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 reviewed the housing section. SFT notes no changes. Residents will also be encouraged to read through a link on the SFT website.
- MetCouncil has sent us a 2016 Transportation policy. This includes information on proposed bike trails.

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- A resident asked about weight restrictions on township roads. It was concluded that the weight limit is the same as the county road it comes off of unless otherwise posted.

Meeting adjourned 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Schmidt
San Francisco Township Clerk