

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting – June 20, 2016

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on June 20th. Board members convened at 6:45 to review accounts payable and authorize payments.

Chairman Doug Weber called to order the business meeting at 7:00. Present were Board members, Kevin Lundquist, Larry Schmidt, and Doug Weber, Treasurer Denise Andersen, Clerk Heidi Schmidt and 7 residents.

The May minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer reported \$83,734.87 in checking and \$232,196.40 in CDs. Doug questioned the drop in the CD amount from last month. Denise renewed a couple of them. She will check why they are not being reported. Report under review.

Planning and Zoning –Permits NONE

Mineral – Ron Olson is considering a mine permit to remove some sand hills on the old Bevens Institute property on 159th St because of the amount of material he wants to move. This was a preliminary discussion of what is needed. He will have to go through Soil and Water and may have to have an environmental study done. He will talk to the county next.

Road and Bridge Report:

- Signs that the county is billing us for 2013 flooding were discussed again. The board questions whether they are owned by the county for public use or rented from somewhere and why did we not get the rental bill? Doug is still investigating. Heidi and Denise will check if any sign company was paid for sign rental during the flood.
- The county also billed us \$208 for an road engineer report on Kelly Lake Rd. Did we ever get that report? Ron Olson says he was never aware of an engineering report.
- Dust Coating will be a discount system next year instead of a rebate.
- Maintenance agreements with other townships – no progress.

Carver Fire is asking the Board to review the contract that is up for review this year. It will cover the next 5 years. High land values had shifted an unfair burden on the township taxpayers, but now that home values have increased the numbers are more balance. Motion made to renew at the same price. Approved.

The new fire safes are here. Each weighs 600 lbs. Doug has the list of documents we need to keep fire safe. We do not need to store items marked archive unless we choose to. The board will ask for volunteers starting this fall to help sort the 100 yrs of documents and preserve the necessary ones.

Doug found an ordinance that we are able to collect part of the traffic fines charged on township roads. Larry pointed out that since we have opted to not pay for police coverage on our roads they are probably not going to willing share any fine money.

Doug Mitchell from Green Meadow Cir off Beverly drive asked the board for a speed limit sign on his road. There is limited visibility and school buses, garbage trucks and cars are all going too fast for safety. It was concluded that the speed limit on a gravel road is still 55mph. Any posted sign would not be enforced per the preceding discussion. The board suggested he talk with the neighbors and come with a petition for a sign and also call the companies with vehicles traveling fast and ask the drivers to slow down. The board will look into trees encroaching on the line of sight.

Notes from the clerk:

- Short courses are this week in the evening.
- Elections are coming up. Denise went to the information meeting at the county. Judges have training July 21 & 26th
- Land Stewardship Project – provides information on legislation that would diminish small government
- 2 more residents are accepting ash and lime from the St Paul Power Plant for ag use
- Question from resident about township restrictions on small wind turbines. Answer is we have no height restrictions further than the county would have.
- Resident asked about noxious weeds in township ditches. They are no longer sprayed as no one wants the liability

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Heidi Schmidt
Clerk, San Francisco Township