

-- San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting –
March 19th, 2018

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

Chairman Doug Weber called the business meeting to order at 7:00. Present were Board members, Larry Schmidt, Doug Weber and Kevin Lundquist, Treasurer Denise Andersen, Clerk Heidi Schmidt and 10 residents. All present stood for the pledge of Allegiance.

The February minutes were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$243,463.47 in checking and \$380,546.27 in CDs. Report was accepted.

Report on Annual Meeting held March 13th. Levy was passed as presented. Denise will have minutes at April 16th board meeting for review.

Road and Bridge Report: Ron will replace mailboxes that were hit by snowplow. A Harley rake is being used by Laketown Township. This may work better than the current disc we are using. Ron will check into renting one. Kevin will visit Laketown when they are using theirs. Board suggested that Olson Construction try one where needed on our ditches this spring when appropriate. Special meeting called for Saturday, March 24th at 8AM for road review. Meeting will convene at the town hall. Notice posted on (new) bulletin board.

Mining: Check has been received for \$8,370.75. Tom Chard has some backfill, Terry Hanson wants to put it along the driveway. This is part of the CUP and must be done according to county plan. Doug will assure process stays within the Operation Agreement the township has with the pit.

Citizens Committee Report: Phil Solseng reported on first meeting by committee. Members include: Ken Turnquist, Jim Forberg, Phil Solseng, Heidi Schmidt as Board Rep. Peter Ivy has expressed interest in joining. Committee determined purpose is to be a sounding board for residents and advise board of resident concerns, research township issues and present findings to the board. A member will also gather information and attend meetings for County Environmental Resource and Met Council. First task is to look at repair/restoration of townhall. A local contractor has examined and determined it to be solid, but in need of some repair and preservation. It is not on the historical register. Second task is to get information to and from residents. Perhaps in the form of a newsletter or survey. Some residents are questioning the need for an ordinance regarding solar farms especially near residences.

Old Business: Board members did some cleaning at the townhall last Sat. An ordinance was found. Board feels all important information has been placed in the fire proof safes. Discussion on solar farms. Can we restrict them? CAC will research if we can have an ordinance. Board of Appeals will be before next month's meeting. 6PM April 16th.

New Business: Representatives for "Citizens for the Truth" were present regarding the proposed BP Community Center. Doug has been advised that the township should not get involved in a voting matter. Larry feels the BP Schools are trying use the tax base of the school district to push a non educational agenda. Terry Morrison says school claims a tax increase of \$180/yr for a \$200,00 home, but this is only partially true because in year 8 it will raise to over \$400. There is a 30M bond on taxes now with a payment on line 9A of your tax form. That bond is \$550 on a \$200,00 home or \$11/acre on Ag land. Ted Kornder presented a resolution that has been signed by 4 townships and being considered by all others in the BP district. This will help unite a minority rural population and show that townships

do not support the taxation of their residents to support a fiscally risky Rec Center while they are cutting Educational programs at the school.

Motion made, seconded to sign resolution as presented. Passed.

Bid for dustcoating from Northern Salt. Board was pleased with them last year. Bid was not in the form of price / foot. Heidi will ask for clarification and vote will be taken at the special meeting March 24th.

Notes from the clerk

Spring short courses March 21-27

Census Seminar April 11th

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk