

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
April 16th, 2018

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on April 16th. Board members convened at 6:00 for the annual Board of Appeals. The representative from Carver County was present and reviewed several inquiries he had received. The board also reviewed accounts payable and authorized 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 6 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The March 2018 minutes were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$229,774.92 in checking and \$380,580.77 in CDs. Report was accepted.

Brett Angell and Paul Moline from Carver County were present to present San Francisco Township's part of the 2040 comp plan that will be submitted to the Met Council at the end of the year. It includes 1 pages and is one of the most complete township sections. The plan is in draft form now and will have a 6 month period for review when the draft is finalized. Residents will be able to view at an open house in Cologne on June 27th and comment online. There will also be public hearings in Nov and Dec. Larry suggested removing the Prime Ag designation from more of the land on the bluffs because it limits development. Paul stated that would open it up to other uses, such as solar farms. Questions on parks in our township will be approved next week. Minor changes submitted last fall have already been added. Roads were reviewed on the map. Some corrections made on private roads. A hard copy of the 2040 plan will be made available at the township hall for review. Brett wanted the board to know that the Dept. of Ag will be sending out free well test kits to all rural residents in our township.

Planning and Zoning Ryan Jacobs will be building soon on Cove Rd. He needs a fire number. This will be provided after the driveway permit is approved and paid for.

City of Carver is amending their comp plan to annex and develop the Redmond land by DR Horton.

Road and Bridge Report: Notes from road review will be submitted at the next meeting. Supervisors will have to review again after last weeks blizzard. Scheduled for April 26th (Thurs) at 4:30PM meeting at 15845 Rapids Lake Rd (Kevin's house).

Heidi needs an insurance certificate from Wellens Ag. Larry will contact them.

Mining: Mueller pit on County Rd 40 was reactivated after approximately 15 years. The county verified they have a permit from 1973 with very few restrictions. The county has requested they get a sweeper out there each night to clean the mud off of the road. Larry talked to them about paperwork for gravel tax.

We received a verification of bond from OMG for the Hanson Pit.

Citizens Committee Report: Jim Forberg reported that the committee had looked into maintenance and repairs on the hall. Ballpark bid of \$11,000 to do minor upkeep. More for improvements. They will secure individual bids on the repairs from Kerkow Construction and a tuck point company. A newsletter has been drafted. Asking residents about the townhall and solar farms, asking for emails, touting the website and providing meetings times and dates. Approved.

Kevin noted we need a new fire extinguisher and will look into it.

Any action to limit solar farms would need to start with an attorney and involve public meetings.

Old Business: Fire board meetings in April.

Shared polling place has reached an impasse because of declared polling places in December. New equipment will be used in Nov. Heidi is going to the training. More training June 18th.

Dustcoating by Northern Salt is tentatively scheduled for May 30th. Bid is \$50/100ft. Motion made and passed to charge that amount to residents and include discounts as last year for longer stretches. Down from last year's \$55. Heidi and Denise will get the letters out.

New Business:

Motion made and passed to issue a blank check to the US Treasury for Payroll withholding taxes to be paid by April 30th.

Ron Olson was present to talk about snowplowing. There is only one truck and all residents want to be first. It takes 6-7 hours to do all roads. He has waited until the snow is done to start. Board advised to start after 6" even if he has to go twice. All agree there needs to be better communication between supervisors and Olson about expectations during each snow event.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk