

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on Monday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 16 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The August 2018 minutes were reviewed. Approved with the correct spelling of Krocak. They will be posted on the website.

Treasurer reported \$223,906.70 in checking and \$381,926.13 in CDs. Report was accepted.

**New Business:**

Lieutenant Erik Kittleson was present to talk about the counties roll in nuisance animal calls. No other Carver County townships have animal ordinances. Enforcement is an issue. The county will not enforce an ordinance it is up to the township. San Francisco township has base level county coverage. This includes: Dispatched for emergency calls, provides jail and investigates felonies and above. If townships want more coverage, such as patrol, they must pay a contract fee. Only Laketown pays this fee. Lowest level is \$11,000/yr for ½ hr per day.

There are State Statues in place. (Chapter 346 1-8). Animal issues can be taken to civil court using these Statues. A dangerous dog is covered by the county. Lose pigs and cows is a civil matter unless they present eminent danger. Lt Kittleson advised the board to be forward thinking if they enact an ordinance. Would it cover Cougars? An ordinance could limit animals and assess fines to taxes. Residents talked about a situation going on for over 5 years. The neighbor has at least 30 dogs. When do they need a kennel license or permit? Cattle have been destroying yards and gardens. Some residents are afraid to go outside.

Jessica Heger, candidate for sheriff, was present to talk about the additional fee for police coverage. She feels the township should have more coverage for the taxes that are paid. County is currently short staffed. There have been several recent vacancies that they are having trouble filling.

Doug will talk to Steve Just about animal numbers. He will also talk to the township attorney about a letter or other action suitable for the case at hand.

**Road and Bridge Report:** Crops on Halsey keep encroaching the right of way. This creates a line of sight issue. Supervisors will stake it after the crops are out, again. Kevin will talk to Emerson about brushing out ditches. There is an area on Market & Co Rd 52 that is overgrown and will be an issue for the snowplows. Larry made a motion that SFT just brush hog it and then talk with the new board members next year about a joint plan to keep it down. Passed.

**Mining:** Doug has talked to Terry Overn about escrow bill. Citizens say they have been hearing end gate slamming and jake braking.

**Citizens Committee:** Met on Thursday. Have items for newsletter. Elections, snowplowing, townhall history and wild parsnips. Election information can contain the facts about the supervisors names missing from the ballot because of a technicality in changing the elections to November. Wild parsnips are still a problem and if they are spotted in the road ditches, residents should not mow it but call the township. Doug will check into spraying locations they do know of.

Engineer and Architects were at townhall this week to evaluate the structure.

Someone has plowed gravel across the road at Cove and Homestead. Doug motioned that they be sent a bill for it's removal. Passed.

**Notes from the clerk:**

Election Judges need to be approved by the board. The clerk provided a list of judges that served for the primary and the board motioned that they all be approved for the general election.

Jim Forberg asked that the August minutes be changed to Preliminary drawings and cost estimate in regards to the firm hired to evaluate the town hall. Motion made and carried.

Terry Hanson noted that the Boy Scouts are camping at the gravel pit next week.

Solsengs noted that the Art Wander Benefit will be held at their farm this weekend.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk