

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2019

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on January 14th. 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 6 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The December 2018 meeting were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$275,307.97 in checking and \$382,680.82 in CDs. Report was accepted.

Planning and Zoning: Mark Kottke was present representing Bob Brose. Bob is purchasing a parcel of land contiguous to his home site. He will have 15 acres between the 2 parcels. He was preliminary approval of an oversize shed for personal use to be put on the 11 acres purchased. The board gave preliminary approval if a second driveway does not come off of Hayes Ave. There was a discussion as to where Hayes Ave. actually ends.

Road and Bridge Report: Larry noted that areas of gravel that had been dust coated seemed to be icier than those not coated. Perhaps because they did not shed water.

Citizens Committee: Jan 3rd a contractor and the architect met at the hall. The contractor will give the committee a cost estimate for all 4 phases by Jan 31st. This will give the board and the citizens at the annual meeting a good understanding of cost to repair or renovate our town hall building. The cost estimate will be presented to the board at the February meeting. Newsletter contents for January/February will be snow removal across the roads. Animal control ordinance to be discussed in February and at the annual meeting.

Old Business: Discussion about a potential animal ordinance. Issues/Questions: is it for all animals not just dogs? Do we include wild animals? Raccoons? Bees? Is there a limit on the number of animals? How can you enforce barking? Should there be a fencing committee? Statements: Carver County is still in charge of any dangerous animal. The board does not want to be in charge of licensing. Scott County (all 9 townships) use Critter Getters for enforcement of a county wide ordinance. An ordinance does not include any animal in a home. Larry suggests limiting dogs because of noise. Scott county residents are allowed 6 dogs and then they must register as a private kennel. Ordinance enforcement will be cheaper if Carver County enacts a county wide ordinance. Doug will check current county regulations. Doug visited Critter Getters facility and found it very suitable for our impoundment needs if we institute and animal ordinance. They can also handle large animals. Discussion tabled.

A special meeting was called on January 31st at 7:00 at the town hall to put together a preliminary ordinance for the township.

An ordinance restricting work in a right of way is needed to regulate any utilities or communication companies from digging up the ditches. Motion made and approved to go ahead establishing a right of way ordinance. The meeting could be combined with the animal ordinance to save time and money.

New Business: BP fire board is looking at purchasing a new engine in a few years. Estimated cost is \$800,000. There will be a 17% increase in fire protection costs across the board.

The board reviewed the year end financials. They will recommend a 2020 levy at the February meeting. The election of officials was held. Doug was nominated for Chairman and Larry for ViceChairman. Both unchallenged nominations passed unanimously.

FDIC guarantees only \$250,000 in checking account. We exceed that balance so Denise will move \$60,000. to short term CDs. Motion made and passed. Noted Dec 31st we had \$382,680.82 in CDs. Doug would like to pay Claudine Solseng for producing our township newsletter. Approximately 3 hours @ \$25/hr = \$75.00 each edition. Motion made and passed. Denise issued a check for back 3 editions.

Notes from the clerk

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm
Respectfully submitted by,
Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk