

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
April 15th, 2019

The monthly meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on April 15th. The Board of Appeal and Adjustment was held at 6:00-6:45 with Keith Kern from Carver County. Board members then 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 8 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The March 2019 minutes were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$167,930.69 in checking and \$483,395.37 in CDs. Report was accepted.

Planning and Zoning: Kerber hearing and 2040 Comp Plan meeting tomorrow night at the County.

Road and Bridge Report: Bid approved to do Dust Coating by Northern Salt again this year. Information will sent out shortly. Hope to get on the schedule for the end of May.

There will be a Road Review Meeting April 29th, at 4:30PM starting at the town hall.

There was a complaint about grading on Joyce Rd. Ron Olson will address it.

Kevin is consulting with Wayne (the grader driver) as to where and when to grade. A lot of repairs need to be done first.

Mining: Terry Overn announced OMG has a new name: MN Paving and Materials. Board questions what happens to legal documents signed by Chard Excavating and OMG? Doug will consult attorney about changing names on the documents. Denise presented Chard bill against escrow. CUP was signed 6/9/17. No funds should have been used after that. This makes the escrow about zeroed out. Denise will send Doug and Terry a spreadsheet with all amounts so this can get settled out.

Citizen Committee: Committee has applied for a grant to see if the Town Hall is eligible to be on the Historic Register.

Newsletter should go out for spring. Needs to include information about contacting Jacquar so we can get their internet service in our area. Direct residents to website where they will fill out a form. The more interest there is, the more likely we can get service put in.62-200 M residential.

Old Business: Andriana and Paul from Carver County were present to discuss the 2040 comp plan as it applies to our township. Other townships zoning is more strict than ours. Some have loosened up for the future. SFT is the most lenient of all County townships. Our water management plan is the one used by the County. Larry is very determined Not to label our township as Prime Agriculture. Paul pointed out that if it is not Prime Ag it opens it up for other uses such as parks and trails. Larry motioned to approve the comp plan if there was a statement added that there are very diverse soils here. Approved.

Right of Way Ordinance for utilities to require permission to dig in our ditches has been drafted by the Attorney. Doug will send it to the board to review and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Animal Ordinance: Critter Getters contract still under negotiation. Ordinance needs enforcement. \$850/mo for 3 yrs is her current offer. The rest of the year through the sheriff's office would be 25K. Board would accept a cost of \$300-400/mo. Doug will continue to negotiate to get cost under control before going forward with an ordinance. A resident voiced concern about large livestock operations and how they would be contacted. Board said it will be addressed when the ordinance is further discussed.

New Business: Doug will go to the weed control meeting. We have wild parsnip and have dealt with some last fall. There is grant money available to eradicate it.

Notes from the clerk: permits and meetings noted.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk