

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
Oct 21st 2019

Board members convened at 6:45 to review accounts payable and authorize payments.

Present were Board members, Doug Weber, Larry Schmidt and Kevin Lundquist, Treasurer Denise Andersen, Clerk Heidi Schmidt and 18 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The September 2019 minutes were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website.

Treasurer reported \$120,418. in checking and \$384,710 in CDs. . Report was accepted. Doug asked if Denise could compile an income and expense report each month for board review.

Planning and Zoning: Bill Boeckert was present to inquire about a 1 lot incentive under the High Amenity Ordinance. He had been at a previous meeting to discuss the driveway plan for the lot. Board voted to approve the lot. There will be a county meeting later this month.

Kerrick Seck was present to ask about a variance for a lot eligibility. The only location with road frontage for the lot will use more than 2 acres of prime Ag land. Ron Olson who has farmed the land noted there is sand just below the surface in this area. Motion was made and carried to approve the variance. This will also will go to county later this month.

Jody Goldie came to the board with the story of her son and a terrible illness caused by tree hole mosquitos. There is a ditch adjacent to Jody's property that is an old tire dump. Thousands of tires were removed by pollution control years ago, but more have surfaced. Jody would like the township's help in removing these tires. There was discussion on who is responsible for a dump on private land. Some tires are in the road right of way (that has not been established). Ron Olson said it will cost about \$1700/semi load to dispose of them. He estimates there are 1000s of tires still down there. There is a \$3000 grant available from the county each year for garbage clean up. Doug will make some calls to Public Health, DNR & Pollution Control to see if he can find any other funding or other help with such a project.

Road and Bridge Report: Wild parsnips are spreading. There is grant money available through the county. A motion was made and carried to allow Doug to work with other townships to apply for the grant money. It is still unclear how to deal with it on private property.

A joint agreement with Hancock township for shared maintenance of Market Ave has been written up. It was reviewed by the board. Larry motioned that the board moves forward in presenting it to them.

MN Valley is doing utility work on Joyce Rd. No permit is needed. Ordinance is pending.

Mining: Mike Callahan from OMG/MPM was present to ask for an extension on the recon work at the Hanson Pit. They are still meeting with the County about water control. Larry & Doug both extended frustration with the lack of communication for months. Nothing has been done after the last meeting and agreement. All deadlines have been missed. Board decided to move forward with notice to MPM that the operating agreement has been violated and CUP may be revoked and bond used to resolve the problem. Terry Hanson gave notice that he is asking MPM to vacate the property. The Operations agreement was signed with Chard, but ultimately it is Terry's responsibility to uphold it as the property owner.

Citizens Committee: Committee had conference call with the consultant hired to determine historic significance of the town hall building. He will come to the Nov board meeting. Preliminary Grant application for restoration is due in May. Final is due in August. The consultant recommended SFT apply for funds to do phase 1 & 2. Stabilization and code compliance.

Old Business: Bob Kroack reported to Doug that they are working on the animal issue in the East Union development. There are approximately 40 dogs now penned outside and barking. Heidi received a complaint of cattle on 166th St several times in the last month.

Right of Way Ordinance needs to be reviewed by board members for next month's discussion.

Road Definition Project should be started with an easy road to establish a procedure. Larry suggested Halsey South.

New Business: Motion was made to use the town hall for the 2020 elections and rent nice portable bathrooms. There will be 3 elections in 2020. Passed. Election training for Head Judges starts this month.

Notes from the clerk:

Carver Fire board meeting Oct 28th

Carver leaders meeting Oct 22nd

Road mileage certification for the county is at 25.67 miles. Agreed to submit this on verification

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk