

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting  
March 16, 2020

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 12 residents. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The February minutes were reviewed. Approved with a couple of clarifications noted. They will be posted on the website.

Treasurer reported \$204,268. in checking and \$385,949 in CDs. County deposit was recorded in February. Report was accepted.

Annual Meeting was held March 10<sup>th</sup>. Phil Solseng was the mediator. There was a full report about the hall renovation and application as a historical site. Fire departments and coverage were discussed. Belle Plaine is looking at making a major truck purchase next year so rates will go up. Residents voted to raise the board members meeting rate to \$100/meeting starting Jan 1, 2021. Extra flood traffic and speeding on County Rd 40 through East Union. This is a county issue. The battle with Wild Parsnip (a highly toxic weed found in our ditches) was discussed.

**Planning and Zoning:** Seth Eggert was present to discuss a driveway permit. The driveway on Halsey will use an existing approach and fire number. Topography is very flat, no culvert is needed. Owner may install a culvert further up the drive as needed. Board motioned to approve as a new permit is not needed.

\_\_\_ Goldie from 187<sup>th</sup> St was present to ask permission to construct an additional access and parking area at the end of his driveway. His lot is very steep and this seems the best storage area. Trailers would be stored in the road ROW. Further information is needed as to other options and county regulations on a second access. Request denied for now. Neighbors will need to be consulted before further discussion.

**Road and Bridge Report:** Jeff Klehr from Klehr Grading in Arlington was present to inquire about contracting grading work in SFT. He has 7 machines and already does several local townships. He also has snowplows. Charge would be by the hour. A motion was made to take bids for 2020 grading. Approved. Larry will organize this.

Dust Coating bid from Northern Salt was in a different format than last year. Motion was made to give Heidi authority to accept bid and get on the schedule if the clarification matched last years rate.

Two residents Terry Dirks and Charlie Siegle were present to ask about paving Carver Highlands. Doug will contacted the attorney for details but knows it can be done if majority of residents are in favor. Cost would have to be determined up front and a decision would have to be made on how to charge residents: by lot or by length. Ron O noted that pavement is easier to plow but needs more salt than gravel roads. Doug & Terry Dircks will get more information on who is and who isn't interested. Kevin has talked with EB Tree about removing several trees noted on road maintenance list.

**Mining:** Motion made and passed to sign an Operation Agreement between SFT and Chard Grading & Excavating to run the Hanson Pit. Agreement will be published on the Website and bond will be paid when a copies are received by both parties. It is the same as the previous agreement with a different bond amount. The reclamation of the old area was discussed. A motion made and passed to allow Chard to use material from the side within the first 350' of the 1000' setback to fill existing mine and the area ends in a 5 to1 grade. Area will need to be staked and approved by a township supervisor before any work is started. Operators were reminded to keep the dirt cleaned off the road this spring. There will be a new IUP application for a new mining area. This will require a planning and zoning meeting with public comment.

**Citizens Committee:** Consultant has finished his report and recommended that the town hall building be considered Historic. The SFT board should consider \$10,000 grant available to start some work. The grant for the entire project can not be applied for until next year. We will need a full engineered construction plan to apply for the Legacy Grant. This may cost \$10,000. Board discussed the application and consensus is we should apply for enough to cover the entire project all at once. This would be about \$250,000.

**Old Business:** No new developments on ROW, Tires, Defining Roads or Animal Ordinance. Doug will talk to Carver Highlands residents about paving and internet options at the same time.

**New Business:** BP Fire board refunded some administration fees they charged in error. BP has decided to only bill the \$500 call fee twice and then rely on the township for collection through a tax lien.

**Notes from the clerk:** Old township records have been located in a box in the basement of the Carver County Historical Society after Lou Longhenry made several requests for them to search. They have our records from 1858 – 1968. There are still records missing from 1968-1995.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49PM

Respectfully submitted by,  
Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk