

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
July 20, 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, Clerk Heidi Schmidt and 9 residents & Zoom Attendees. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The June minutes were reviewed. Approved. They will be posted on the website. There needs to be a special meeting of the Planning Commission to approve minutes from the last two public hearings.

Motion to approve all accounts payable presented with the exception of EB Tree. Board requests more detail in the billing for service.

Planning and Zoning: Bill Kukowski was present to ask for a temporary liquor license for a fund raiser event to be held on Oct 3rd at the Solseng farm. This is the 3rd year for this event. Motion to approve passed.

Mining: Resolution 20-02 for mining IUP was received by the attorney. Upon review Doug has noticed many errors. Because of the time limit for response Doug made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Aug 13th @ 7PM to review an updated copy of the IUP. Also scheduling a meeting of the planning commission at 6:45 to review the minutes from the public hearings, 2nd. Passed.

The proposed Resolution to approve the IUP would limit the IUP for 15 yrs. Increase the number of trucks allowed after 9AM., correct the fencing language and allow recycling in the winter.

Doug did talk to Paul Moline at Carver county and Environmental Protection Agency about safety of recycling and stockpiles of tar. They suggested it be stored on clay. They've done a lot of research and have not found any dangerous leaching. Chard's engineer from Sundee was present and sited studies from 1990 that reported very low contamination levels. Containing the water is key. She stated this mine is 35-40 feet above the water table. MN Poll Control regulates mines and checks operation for contaminate levels. Phil Solseng thinks we should have an engineer look specifically at this site. It would take the responsibility off of the township.

Doug will take the changes to the lawyer and have a good copy by the Aug 13th meeting.

Heidi has called Insurance company to release bond but so far has not found the correct person to do this bond. Chard does hold a \$50,000 bond they will send Heidi a copy.

Citizens Committee: Met on Thursday. Called Historical Consultant to discuss next steps. He has submitted the paperwork to show we qualify as historical. Now we must apply to be added to the MN Historical Registry and then apply to the National Historical Registry. Should have these designations before applying for the Legacy Grant which only takes applications once per year. The Board approved Maddy Wegner as a Citizen Committee Member. Maddy is a township resident that has experience in applying for grants. / Doug has a map of the parsnip area he would like to get in the newsletter. The team hopes to have the newsletter out by next week. Board can approve the final copy via email. /

Old Business:

The tires on 187th have been discussed with Greg Boe at the EPA. Mosquito control also has a tire program, but they are probably not equipped for this many tires. Lou Longhenry asked if anyone has checked the toxicity of the tires. Maybe that is an angle to get help with this.

New Business:

Notes from the clerk: The primary election is on Aug 12th. Election judges have requested plexiglass guards for safety. Motion made, 2nd passed that Heidi can order them through the township. / Bats are making noise in the chimney or ceiling. Heidi should contact Orkin. / Supervisor C is the position that is open this coming election. Filing for the seat if open July 11 – Aug 12. / Carver County has presented a new Joint Service Agreement for tax collection. Motion made, 2nd, passed to accept.

Resident commented that the gravel revenue collected from the Hanson Pit seems minuscule compared to what residence have to put up with and the amount of work the town board does.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk