

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting
August, 2020

Board members convened at 6:45 to review August accounts payable and authorize payments. Present were Board members, Doug Weber, Larry Schmidt and Kevin Lundquist, Treasurer Denise Andersen, Clerk Heidi Schmidt, 4 residents and 4 Zoom Attendees. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The July minutes were reviewed. Approved with a corrected date. They will be posted on the website. Treasurer reported \$167,873 in checking and \$386,898 in CDs. Motion to approve treasurer report and all accounts payable presented passed. Emerson from EB Tree was present to discuss bill presented in July. He says the work he did at the Niskaden property was extensive. Board approved bill for payment.

Road and Bridge: Paving in caraver highlands on hold. Road review minutes from 4/4/20 and 4/16/20 both approved.

Mining: A special meeting was held 8/12 to approve IUP for mining at the Hanson pit. Changes to the Operations Agreement need to be finalized to match IUP. Recycling will be added. Doug will make changes and get to Chards for signature. Dan asked about trees on border. Chard and Hanson inherited all remaining reclamation to close out the old IUP. They must be sure it is done. Motion to accept OA was approved. Bond will be provided with signed IUP & OA.

Citizens Committee: Phil Solseng (online) reported that the committee has compiled a summary of what we are trying to do and the steps. Next month the board should decide if they want the building on the National Registry of Historic Places. Application will need a condition assessment. We should be able to update the one done 2 year ago. A small grant is available to do this. Application for the large grants for restoration are due July 23, 2021. Committee met last Thursday. Maddy has some grant experience and is happy to work on this worthwhile project. Hoisington (did our historic assessment) will help with the National application free of charge. No board action needed now.

Old Business:

Mosquito control said they would supply a truck that holds 500 tires. They will load them if they don't have dirt in them. Discussed the prospect that if we get them loaded they will haul them away. Do we do this work on private property? Who is in charge? What is the liability? Stated that it is not fair to other taxpayers to use their money for private property clean up. The township is only liable for the road right of way. Doug will contact lawyer and property owners. The area should be dammed and filled to slow down water and washing away. / Jaguar is digging in lines all over township using Federal funding. / Dahlgren township road agreement needs to be discussed next month. / Wild Parsnip is blooming now. These are 2nd year plants. Township should spray in spring and fall. MN Valley Trust is acquiring Belter land. It will be removed from tax rolls. Should check that we do not provide fire coverage for these tax exempt properties.

Notes from the clerk: Election went well. 135 voters.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk