

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting

October 19, 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, 5 residents and 5 zoom attendees. All recited the pledge of allegiance.

The Sept minutes were reviewed and Approved.

Treasurer reported \$137,819. in checking and \$387,411 in CDs. Report was Approved.

John Fahey was present and told of his campaign as County Commissioner.

Road and Bridge Report: No news on paving in Carver Highlands. There is a long list of Road Maintenance items after the last road review. Stop sign on Rapids Lake Rd was replaced with an antitheft model. Anonymous complaint about Homestead Rd. Larry drove – no different than other roads this time of year. / Emerson has been brushing out ditches. / Road map from County has no names and mileage is different.

Mining: Denise will send the OMG escrow money refund to them.

Citizens Committee: Maddy Wegner told about the application to the State Historical society. A first step before applying for National status in January. Reviews will be Nov 10th. Phil presented an outline of steps to applying for the Legacy Grants for renovation. Preapplication is due in July final app in Sept. The application will have to include a Conditions Assessment at a cost of about \$8500. (lowest bid). A set of Plans and specs will also need to be provided. This cost could be about \$40,000. No need to approve until the building is on the National Register. Lou Longhenry listened to this years grant applications. It seemed that large grant requests (\$200,000) were not approved. Seems prudent to apply for our request in two different applications. A survey will be distributed to see what residents think about a restoration project. If the building is not restored it will eventually need to be abandoned and a new Town Hall built or space rented outside of the township. A motion was made to approve \$8500 for the conditions assessment to be done starting this month. Approved. Motion made to provide information and a survey at the election. Approved. / A newsletter needs to go out with election information and board vacancy announcement. Motion passed to approve by email this week.

Old Business: Township lawyer advises that the township not clean up tires on private property on 187th St. Doug has not found any other source for clean up funds. No indication that tires are toxic. High speed internet is still an issue with many families working and schooling at home. Jaguar is installing cable but access is limited. Century link is exhausted. Can not add faster service. When the paving petition goes door to door, internet should also be discussed. / Township did not spray for wild parsnip because it was too late at the county. Kellen asked to spray for other weeds at the same time the spraying gets done this spring. / Emerald Ash bore has been confirmed in the township. / Larry will contact Hancock Township about closing out the solar escrow. / Kevin is moving out of the township so his seat will be vacant as of November. Larry can not attend the December meeting. Bob Olson was present and indicated interest in being on the board.

New Business: CARES Funding for township. We received funds. Denise in not aware of any.

Notes from the clerk: Classes can be reimbursed since there are no short courses this year.

The board thanked Kevin for his service to the township over the last several years and wished him well!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27PM Respectfully submitted by, Heidi Schmidt - Township Clerk