

San Francisco Township Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2021

Board members convened at 6:45 Supervisors reviewed accounts payable and authorized payments. Present were Board members: Larry Schmidt (presiding), Scott Selken, Andy Olson, Treasurer: Denise Andersen and Clerk: Heidi Schmidt, 12 residents and 4 zoom attendees. Larry called the meeting to order and all recited the pledge of allegiance.

The May minutes were reviewed via email. Motion carried to approve.

Treasurer reported \$221,522. in checking and \$389,166 in CDs. Check to BP Fire has not cleared. It was written in April. Denise will issue a 2<sup>nd</sup> check and stop payment on the first. Motion carried to Approve.

**Zoning:** Driveway permit request on Crosby Ln. started a discussion on culverts length and driveway width. Currently 20'. Motion to change permit requirements to 24' with apron as a minimum length. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Heidi will change applications. Crosby Dr also approved. / Weckert asked for an opinion on getting a shed build before a house on SanFran Acres. County does not allow and very unlikely to approve. Applicant can show hardship to get variance. Larry said he would support their petition to county if foundation was in. Motion to deny – 2<sup>nd</sup> – passed. / Don Kon\_\_\_\_ applied for temporary liquor license for one day foundation fund raiser at Solseng Farm. 4<sup>th</sup> year of event. Larry motioned to approve with event signs posted on CoRd 11. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Passed.

**Road and Bridge Report:** Dahlgren Township Road agreement was reviewed by Scott & Andy. Neither see any issues. Motion to accept agreement with Dahlgren township for Halsey Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. / May 25 Road Rev summarized by Andy. Several loads of red rock still needed. Motion to accept minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Andy will send an email copy to Heidi for file. / Discussion of tar chips bid on Beverly Dr. Andy noted it is holding up well this year because it's dry. Feels it should be left now and discussed in fall. Motion for such. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. / Dust Coating was done June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kevin rode with. He was on zoom and stated they finished on Friday. They did not do the area on Joyce Rd already done by County because of construction on Co Rd 50. Scott demanded the county do it because of rerouted traffic. Resident should get refund. Larry calculated credit as \$800 paid to Tim Werner. Tim Thomas was refunded \$478 for 1450 ft.

**Mining:** Bob Olson (on Halsey) has applied for an administrative hauling permit from the county for restoration. Larry motioned to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approve. This permit is issued through Carver County and does not need approval from the township. / Ron Olson escrow for his proposed mine is short. Denise calculated \$3078 + the 7500 cushion + 2950 bill to Stantec paid today. She will send him a bill. Larry will call him. Residents stated they want to see the escrow amounts posted to be sure the board is not spending the township money on a mine proposal. Toni D stated that the board should cease work on the project until escrow is paid. / Aggregate Industries has inquired about the mine on Co Rd 40. That mine was established in 1982 through Carver County. They would need to go through the township to expand.

**Citizens Committee:** Maddy W is our volunteer grant writer for Legacy Grant Funds to rehabilitate the Town Hall. Preliminary application deadline is July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Todd from MacDonald Mack is working on detailed plans and specs. Grants would be applied for in 2 phases: stabilization (approx. \$150,000) and rehabilitation (approx. \$75,000). The grant application process is very competitive. Discussion on where to put the Historical Register plaque. Consensus – Outside so it is visible to the public. Unless we vandalism then move it inside. Comment that security should be included in renovation plan.

**Old Business:** Rapids Lake Rd only benefits the US Fish and Wildlife. Larry suggests the township look into abandoning road and giving it to them to maintain. He will look into process. The visitor center there is an asset and we should make people more aware of it. / Residents commented on Mining Ordinance

calling for 9 ton roads. Many questions were asked about road specifications. Does the township have specs for a 9 ton road? If there is a mine who determines the road needed? Would maintenance on a 9 ton road be more than a gravel road? Larry stated that is why we hire the Engineering Consultants. The township has no use for 9 ton road specs. why would they pay to have them established? We do not have 9 ton roads. Residents at the meeting would like the board to have more transparency. They say they are struggling with communication with the mine proposer and the neighborhood. They feel tension between the board and themselves. They would like the agenda to be online a week before the meeting. They want the website to be updated concurrently. They want good communication and full transparency. (stated 4 times) They were reminded that all board members have full time, demanding jobs and families. Township duties take a lot of time that isn't always there. The clerk salary is for 2-3 hrs every Monday. If the residents want township duties to be carried out in a full time manner they will need to hire and pay a full time clerk.

**New Business:**

**Notes from the clerk:** Looking for a replacement. Not sure what happened to Deputy Clerk that was hired.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11PM

Respectfully submitted: Heidi Schmidt - San Francisco Township Clerk