

10/18/2021 Meeting Minutes:

- Present were board members Larry Schmidt (presiding), Scott Selken, Andy Olson, Treasurer Denise Anderson, Dept. Clerk Jeanne Aufderheide and Clerk Heidi Schmidt
- September meeting minutes and two special meeting minutes reviewed via email by the board members. A motion was carried to approve them:
 - Monthly meeting minutes – Andy made a motion to accept and Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2nd special Janssen meeting minutes – Larry made a motion to accept meeting minutes and Andy seconded. Motion carried
 - 3rd Special meeting on Culvert (and road review) – Andy made motion to accept and Larry second motion. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s report reviewed: \$177, 028.28 in checking and \$489,000 in CDs w/maturity dates varied.
 - Denise to provide the board a copy monthly.
 - \$45,237 Covid relief funds were received 10/5 (which is the first half of the funding).
 - Andy made a motion to accept, Larry seconded. Motion carried.

AGENDA

Road and Bridge Report:

- **County Rod 50/Joyce Rd Intersection/County Update:**
 - The board didn’t note any update. Residents indicated it is paved and shoulder work is being done, including entrances (Scott noted).
- **Culvert on Joyce Road:**
 - Contractor (Wickenhauser) estimated beginning of November for the work to be done. Question from residents about who is responsible if a line is cut. The contractor is responsible for getting it fixed. The contractor will email the township board when ready to start. Timeframe is still estimated at a week.
 - Guard rails – 180 linear feet ordered including parts. Guard rails will all be in around the first of the year, contractor is H & R. Residents asked how guard rail will end. Per the board, some areas they will curve back around down into the ground, no end pieces. East side will have straight up and down post.
- **187th Street:**
 - Road review: Tree trimming, ditch work needed. Getting bids, waiting on quotes. Historical information: Larry noted that in 1984 when Wolters owned the property they sold it to the Johnsons and in order to do a road right of way SFT at that time provided the agreement that any erosion would fall under the Wolters, Johnsons or their heirs.
 - SFT Residents expressed concern regarding the need for tree trimming and whether the township was responsible for cleanup. Larry advised that if trees fall on the road call the township as responsible party to remove them.

- Additional issues were cited by residents such as the end of a common drive for three homes has had run off gravel washing down it which needs to be removed. Also, tires at the bottom of the ravine should be removed or buried because they are a health hazard. Larry noted that a small amount of tires are on the township land and the bulk are on the private property.
 - Note: MN and Iowa are offering a grant for clean water and lakes. Heidi wondered if this could be used for cleaning up the tires along with the sedimentation issue too? Bigger picture. Heidi forwarded the information to Phil for assistance in researching before the December 15 application deadline. The board would like to look into the feasibility of the grant before deciding on the overall clean up approach. Jeanne agreed to research also to see if filing for the grant is an option. The grant is with the “Conservation Corp. Protecting, enhancing water quality”. Note: Must have locally adopted watershed management plan (covered by county).
- **Citizen’s Committee:**
 - An article just posted in the Chaska Herald regarding the Citizens’ Committee’s efforts to gain funding for refurbishing the Township Hall.
 - In January the funding approval status will be known. Phil suggested a special meeting to plan next steps for the building in regard to both possible outcomes (whether approved or not):
 1. If the grant is approved the work can proceed and, as an example for planning, the Supervisors can decide if they want to add in the bathrooms as part of next year’s contract or if they need to wait until 2024.
 2. If the grant isn’t approved then what is the next step for the building? Will Covid funds be a factor?
- This should get settled before March annual meeting. Will the board approve a special meeting to pre-plan? Larry asked if all the information could be provided in advance so it can be reviewed at the next monthly meeting. Phil said it’ll take 1.5 to 2 hours. Scott suggested doing it before or after the December meeting and carve out time to discuss.
- Newsletter: should be going out next month.
 1. Topics:
 - Larry requested bullet on plowing snow across their driveway on road. “Snow hardens, snow plow has issues. Bad for emergency vehicles.”
 - Rocks away from end of driveways.
 - History of township.
 - Christmas lights tour of SFT.
 - Information on how to learn about important township meetings included.
- Will township authorize lights on townhall? Andy made a motion to fund, not to exceed \$100. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

- **Old business:**
 - None noted.

- **New Business:**
 - Larry met with the Carver fire department on 10/18 to discuss new contracts. They let the township know they are adding a provision for a new wing. The Fire Dept wants to possibly change the verbiage in the new contract so, in the meantime, they will do a one year extension of current contract as is while coming up with new proposal (normally it is a 5 year contract).
 - Meeting notifications to residents: will post in City of Chaska Herald publishing. Will also post on the board outside the hall in addition to the website.
 - The attorney recommended not sending notifications via the SFT email distribution list. Heidi suggested that the distribution list should be used since the email is sent to residents who specifically ask to be notified of any township information, such as special meetings.
 - Andy made a motion to send notifications of special meeting via the SFT residents' email distribution list. Larry seconded. Motion passed.

- **Mining:**
 - Olson Escrow: Current balance due to San Francisco Township by Ron Olson is \$8,827.04. (Previous payments: 3/21/21 \$7,500 & 6/11/21 \$5,000.)
 - Denise will provide a breakdown of what's been paid to the attorney.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jeanne Aufderheide – San Francisco Township Dept. Clerk