

San Francisco Township
3.14.2023 Annual Meeting Notes

Deputy Clerk call to Order

Present: Dept.Clerk: Jeanne Aufderheide; Treasurer: Denise Anderson; Supervisors: Andy Olson, Scott Selken; 16 Township residents

Elected Moderator: Phil Solseng

Read & Approved last year's minutes

- Motion to approve, seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report for 2022

- When are ARPA funds need to be spent? Dec 31, 2026
- Motion to approve, second. All approved. Motion carried.

Road Report / Dust Coating (Andy Olson)

- Conditions are poor across the Township. Improvements can't be done until the weather gets better.
- Road review will be April/May time review.
- Township approved a contract with a new vendor, "Digrite".
- Resident reported that snowplowing is not being done as early as it should be after a snow. Per Andy, not totally snowplow companies' fault, very bad weather is the issue with the latest rain/ice. In fact, chip rock costs are high this year because of it.
- Dust coating. To be reviewed in March monthly meeting.

2024 Levy - Board's recommendation (See separate Levy sheet)

- Question: Grating and maintenance went up, wondering why?
 - Categories were combined so higher in general because of which.
 - Per Andy, associated fuel is a big factor for increase.
- Motion to approve, seconded. Motion approved. All in favor.
- Scott added commentary on 2024 levy costs, some categories hard to be exact since dependent on the market prices which are currently fluctuating. i.e., cement

Fire Department Information (Scott Selken)

- Carver:
 - Adding an addition on to the building. Due to the growth, City of Carver is absorbing some of the costs the township absorbed in the past.
 - Spent \$47,973 in 2022.
 - Carver just purchased a used tanker.
 - 2021 – 20 calls.
- Belle Plaine:
 - Costs for this year going up 10%.
 - 2026 10" ladder truck will be added, which the fire dept is trying to source.
 - 3.2 million cost for a new truck but no locked in price. Would be whatever cost is when received.

- Resident asked how many calls for SFT. For all of Carver Co. it doubled last year for Fire and Rescue calls.

Papers to Publish Township Announcements

- Chaska Herald
- Township Website
- Motion made to approve, seconded. Motion carried. All in favor.

INFO ONLY:

- Web Site www.sanfranciscotownship.com
- Burning Permits applied for at: www.dnr.mn.us/burning-permits
 - Question from resident about whether Belle Plaine has different process. Per Andy that fire dept likes to be notified, too.
 - What size fire needs permit. Anything over 3x3.
- Notices for SFT will be published in the Chaska Herald and on the website
- Monthly Board meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday excepting Jan & Feb will be the 2nd Monday

Set 2023 Annual Meeting time: March 12th, 2024 @ 7 PM

- Motion to approve, seconded. Motion carried. All approved.

OLD Business:

- Citizen Committee report on Restoring Town Hall
 - 2022 work done overview. (Phase 1) – stabilization of town hall, foundation repair, wrap removal, new windows, reclamation of secondary egress door. Masonry repair, foundation repair NE corner. June 30th is deadline to complete any outstanding items.
 - Township survey was done during primary election. 98 responses, 100% of the people considered the building as an asset of the township.
 - The questionnaire had four questions on opinion on work done. “Good and Excellent” reply on 9f2%
 - Questions on future interior improvements. Yes was 85%
 - Improvements would be paint, interior bathroom. Almost 62% wanted bathroom, 66% interior fix up.
 - Comments section reviewed.
 - Keep original wood
 - Great use of public funds
 - Landscaping and parking needed
 - Use Covid funds
 - Refinish wood floor
 - Plaster wall and paint
 - Ramp
 - Event center
 - Picnic shelter
 - Phase 2 work:
 - Overview of interior work design proposal.
 - Resident asked to have it put on the website.

NEW Business:

- Notes from John Fahey
 - Reviewed 2023 road construction

- Metro Net internet provider install
- Question on county road 40. Reports to supervisors from residents is that not enough will be done with the construction, not addressing true concerns of corners and curve dangers. John will connect with project engineers.
- Concern about speeding through East Union. Many accidents have happened because of it. John took note and will carry the comments back to the Carver county sheriff's dept.
- Concern about gravel pit, no turn lane and very dangerous. County road has been very beaten down from the trucks.
- Concern about County road 50 and 41 culvers are already sagging and only two years old.

Comments from residents.

- Mineral and mining ordinance – there is an opportunity to clarify responsibilities and process. i.e who is responsible for different aspects of the process. Would like discussion or handout on the procedure. Administrative review before applicant submits request for the permit. To be brought up by supervisors add to meeting agenda.
 - Add to an agenda to a monthly meeting. How to document the process for residents or add verbiage to the existing ordinance i.e., add to ordinance things to clarify like if a mine is off of a 9-ton road.
- Resident said overall the Ordinance is a benefit to the township.
- Will be added to the May agenda (one supervisor is out in April).
- San Francisco township – unique and consists of assets others do not have. Township could take an active participation in optimizing the benefits of the beauty to protect it. i.e., Township can control what it will look like in the future. Hog farming restrictions? Add discussion to May agenda.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.