

Official Minutes 2.1.11

The February monthly meeting was called to order by Fred Holthaus at 8:30 pm. The flag pledge was said. All members were present. Also present were Mike Nelson of MN Construction & Engineering and Kim Johnson of Dustcoating Inc.

The January minutes were read. Neil Franz made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Vernon Willenbring seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

A financial report was given by Patti Legatt.

RE: Sign Reflectivity – Mike Nelson gave a report on the sign reflectivity survey. They had counted 178 signs – 98 which they recommend replacing. The estimate for cost of signs and replacement was \$8000 to \$10,000. Mike will check on sign prices and get back to the board with more information.

RE: Patch on 223<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Mike Nelson reported on his assessment of the bump and stated that we should measure the area this winter for the area to be patched. He said he had no specific specs for the repair that was done. Discussion was held. The patch area will be checked out.

RE: Dustcoating – Kim Johnson gave a short report on dustcoating, handed out pamphlets and noted that the prices were a little higher this year.

RE: Assessor's Report – Mark Koehn from the County Assessor's Office gave his annual report. He noted that Farming Township had \$800,000 in new construction in 2010 - \$500,000 was in new homes. Values for residential will decrease 3 to 4 %, agriculture will remain about the same, and there will be a 10 to 15 % increase in Green Acres. The Board of Equalization Meeting is scheduled for April and will be limited to ½ hour or until all cases have been heard.

RE: Chain of Lakes Fire and Rescue District – Vernon Willenbring gave a short report on the Fire District. Construction has begun and things are progressing.

At 9:35 pm the monthly board meeting was recessed in order to hold the annual Board of Audit Meeting and the Budget Meeting.

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The Annual Board of Audit Meeting was called to order by Fred Holthaus at 9:38 pm. All members were present.

The Board reviewed the financial report. Discussion was held. Vernon Willenbring made a motion to accept the financial report as printed, Neil Franz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Township Balance Sheet. Discussion was held. Neil Franz made a motion to approve the Balance Sheet, Vernon Willenbring seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Vernon Willenbring made a motion to adjourn the Board of Audit Meeting at 10:03 pm, Neil Franz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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The Annual Budget Meeting was called to order by Fred Holthaus at 10:05 pm. All members were present. The budget levy proposal for the year 2012 was discussed and set. The State of MN's Market Value Credit Shortfall was discussed. The agenda for the annual meeting was also gone over.

Vernon Willenbring made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 pm, Neil Franz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

*Vernon Willenbring*

*Judy Bruemmer*

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At 11:25 pm the February monthly board meeting was called back to order by Fred Holthaus. All members were present.

RE: CapX2020 – Neil Franz gave a short report on the hearings. He stated that a final decision on the route will come this summer.

RE: Township Election – Judy Bruemmer reported that all is ready for the election. No one filed for the supervisor position and Patti Legatt applied for the treasurer position.

The following warrants were examined, verified and ordered paid:

5814	Stearns Electric	monthly electric bill	\$	64.93
5815	Sunny Brook Ent. Inc.	snowplowing		7035.00
5816	Star Publications	newspaper ads		62.50
5817	MAT Agency	liability ins/bond		1480.00
		Total	\$	8642.43
		Year-to-date Total	\$	15,954.28

At 11:39 pm Vernon Willenbring made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Neil Franz seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Vernon Willenbring

Judy Bruemmer