Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **December 21, 2020**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on December 21, 2020 by Chairman, Butch Gertken.

# **Present**

## Joe Willenbring, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Ad., Lynn Burg, P& Z Chair, Orville Willenbring, and P and Z member, Mike Behnen.

**A motion to approve the town board minutes from November 16, 2020 was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $6,542.89 Expenses $65,640.25 Balance $414,791.83. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Lisa Kuemper and Edmund Bratina, 20351 Fruitwood Road have been having an ongoing problem with their neighbors about three dogs that bark constantly at certain times of the day since 2018. At one-point Bratina called the sheriff to come out and issue a citation for a noise violation. Munson Township’s Ordinance does not provide for that and Bratina would like the township to intervene. He wanted to know the process for changing the ordinance. Burg will go out and talk with the neighbors on Fruitwood Road and see if he can influence them to control the barking dogs.

The Resolution Designating Annual Polling Place 2020-2 for the March 9, 2021 Township Elections was signed by the three supervisors. Boni will email a copy to the county.

The board re-appointed Mike Behnen and Orville Willenbring to the Planning and Zoning Board for 2021. Behnen will become the new chair and Dave Thielen will be vice-chair. **Motion Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Orville Willenbring had attended the Stearns County Park Commission Meeting that was held by tele-conference. Boni was emailed the info from the meeting and there will be another meeting in January as they move forward with determining the funding process.

**Mike Nielson, WSB**

Presented a preliminary map of roads in the township for the supervisors to review. Nielson asked for any errors or revisions. He also asked if they wanted the average condition of the roads to be rated at 62%.

Boni will forward the levy and bridge condition info to Nielson. Some of the roads in the township are shared with other townships so they would need to be part of the decision-making process.

**COL Fire Update**

The new truck is here.

At the last meeting Wakefield Township had asked for the 2021 budget to be reduced by $10,000. The Munson Township Board was in favor of that. **Motion Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Lucas Herbert has signed on as a new firefighter.

A resident living on Eastway Road wanted to make improvements to the road and asked if the township would help pay for it. The township cannot do that as we would then take ownership of the road.

**Update to snow plowing**

With the recent passing of Matt Gertken there were questions about the ability of Ralph to get the snow plowing done on his own this winter. Ralph will take care of the roads South of Hwy 23. He will hire someone to do the North and West. Ralph will take care of the liability insurance for the hires.

Boni will ask the Mn Assoc. of Townships about liability issues when residents help with ditch cutting and snow plowing.

**A motion to pay bills and payroll was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $40,350.97 using check numbers 6898-6922.

**A motion to pay Gertken for ditch mowing was made by Burg, second by Willenbring. Carried 2-0.** Gertken abstained. Check #6912.

**A motion to pay Burg for brush cutting, 911 signs and garbage pickup was made by Willenbring, second by Gertken. Carried 2-0.** Check # 6916.

**At 9:30, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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