Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **December 20, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on December 20, 2021, by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

# **Present**

# Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Ad., Lynn Burg, and P& Z Chair, Mike Behnen.

# **A motion to approve the town board minutes from November 15, 2021, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $8,678.43 Expenses $ 49,006.31 Balance $441,346.73 **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Tim Meland, Stearns County Sheriff’s Department was present to give his three-month report.

September 13 traffic stops

October 42 complaints. 10 traffic stops, dog complaint.

November 56 complaints, 16 traffic stops, 2 burglaries, Identity theft.

There has been an increase in complaints of ATVs on the road and Meland said that that is allowed. Boni asked if Meland would check to see why the township isn’t getting any money from the fees being collected by the county for fines in the township. Meland said that he would inquire and send us an email.

A group of residents were present to complain about vacation rentals in the township. These people do not feel safe, especially going outside. They stated that violations are occurring, and nothing is being done. They questioned why it is their responsibility to contact the county about trespassing.

The county commissioners met to consider two new permits being considered in Munson Township. It came up as a tie vote. The county board will be considering it again at their meeting on January 18th.

Theresa Branstner was worried about the noise, trespassing and parking violations at the rentals.

Another resident accused renters of bringing in kegs of beer, being loud, parking their cars on the road, and partying all hours of the night.

Clyde Terway asked why there is such a concentrated amount allowed in one area. They have 5-6 in a ½ mile of their home. He felt that there are egregious violations being committed. Stated that he thought it was getting to a saturation level.

The other residents that attended the meeting agreed with the complaints.

Since the township can put on stricter stipulations than the county, these residents are asking for a moratorium on permits until the board can get ahold of the issue. The township board will consider placing a 12-month moratorium on new and pending IUP permits.

The resident group would like to get the boards from neighboring township to join them in this.

The township board would like to talk with Bob Ruppe, township attorney before making any decisions.

John Tschumperlin, Tom Schoenberg, and Dave Thielen were all re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0**

**COL Fire Update –**

The supervisors all had attended the fire budget meeting on December 6.

**Mail**

Dave Thielen had contacted Crow Wing County to get info about how they handle vacation rentals.

**A motion to pay bills and payroll was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $26,957.44 using check numbers 7102-7122. Burg was paid for signs and plowing the parking lot using check #7106.

**At 9:20 PM, the meeting was extended to Monday December 27 at 8 PM to finish up business .**

**Extended Meeting December 27, 2021, 8:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order @ 8PM by Chair, Joe Willenbring with all members present.

After some discussion the board decided to go forward with a moratorium. Dick suggested omitting the two permits that were pending feeling these two may have time and money invested, but the board decided they be included.

After getting guidance from Ruppe, the board voted to pass Resolution 2021-10 and the revision to the ordinance by passing Ordinance 2021-1. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** A copy of these two documents can be found on munsontownship.org

Gertken thought that we should reach out to get other townships involved and go to the county to make the county take care of the problems. He thought that we should impose a 1-year permit with a probation period. Possibly with a $2,500 permit fee.

After the frost is out, the supervisors made a motion to repair the ditch on Elkview to its original condition before the landowner filled it in. **Motion Gertken, second Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Lynn would like to purchase a new computer for township use. The board told her to get prices for the next meeting.

Lynn no longer wants to do the minutes for the P and Z meetings. The board is going to look for a replacement. Lynn said that she would possibly do it for $50/month.

The board did discuss upping the site fees. Will look at it at the reorganization meeting in March.

The P and Z board will now meet monthly to try hammer out conditions for the vacation rentals.

Dick will contact Adam Braegelmann to see what we would need to do to install a large electric board to accompany the monthly meeting. The fire board now uses one at their meetings.

Lynn was inquiring about getting an app for doing minutes at board meeting. She will investigate the cost.

At 9:30 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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