

Munson Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on November 16, 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.

A motion to approve the town board minutes from October 19, 2020, was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Income \$37,531.21 Expenses \$98,470.26 Balance \$414,791.83. **A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

COL Fire District Update

Rescue Truck is ordered. Extraction Equipment, \$50,000 needed. Fundraiser calendar money for the next 3 years will be used for that.

Paul Gertken had the Mylars for the Horseshoe Heights Replat. **Motion to sign Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Signed by Orville Willenbring, P and Z Chair and Butch Gertken, Town Board Chair.

Mike Nielson, WSB

Discussed Local Road Improvement Grants. He presented a map of current township roads. Asked the board to review it and notify him of any errors or changes.

Nielson asked how the board would like to pay vouchers for road repairs. The township currently pays with the voucher added to claims list, not a separate item. The board will continue with the current pay system.

WSB will be conducting the final inspection of pavement management tomorrow. Neilson asked if any of the board members would like to go along. The board declined. Hopefully, the draft report will be ready by the December Board Meeting.

Grant funds of \$5,000,000 for townships will be available in January. There is would be a \$3,500 - \$5,000 fee if WSB helps with the application process.

Separate funds are available for bridges. Boni will email Nielson the last bridge inspection documents from Stearns

County. Nielson said that bridges that are structurally deficient would be a good candidate for bridge funds.

The stump removal on 210th by Buermann's will be put off until spring. Ralph (Excavating) will take out frost boils now.

The Chain of Lakes Fire District will not have its Fire Budget meeting in December due to COVID-19. The budget documents were reviewed by the board. Increases include \$ 3,000 for medical supplies, \$1000 for pay to personnel, and \$24,000 for the new truck. The treasurer questioned the need for some of the expenses. **A motion from Burg, to approve the 2021 budget of \$143,975, second by Willenbring. Carried 3-0. Munson Township will pay an increase of \$4,500/quarter.**

The township had received a check from the state for the fire fighter's relief fund for COL Fire District in the amount of \$24,271.18. A check will be sent to reimburse them in tonight's claim sheet.

The weed inspection form was signed by Gertken, Chair and Burg, weed inspector. Boni will send it to the county.

Boni read a letter from Tom Schoenberg about Edgewater Road. His comments will be taken into consideration when the board looks at the road plan from WSB.

Boni will start a file on WSB containing pricing and other correspondence.

The township had received a request from concerned citizens to sign a petition to stop the Stearns County Board of Commissioners from granting a Conditional Use Permit to Cozy Corners for an additional 60 campsites. The board did not sign the petition.

Orville Willenbring will attend a webcast from the county concerning the Stearns County Parks Dept.

The board gave Ralph (Excavating) the okay to plow snow when there is an accumulation of 3” of snow and put-on salt/sand on icy spots.

The board will consider developing a Snow Policy at the Organizational Meeting in March,

A motion to pay bills was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0. Bills were paid in the amount of \$62,640.25 using check numbers 6882-6897.

A motion to pay Gertken for ditch mowing was made by Burg, second by Willenbring. Carried 2-0. Gertken abstained. Check #6894.

At 9:10, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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