Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **September 16, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on September 16, 2019 by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

**Present**

## Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Chair, Orville Willenbring, P & Z board members, Mike Behnen, John Tchumperlin, Tom Schoenberg, Dave Thielen, and P &Z Ad., Lynn Burg.

The board considered a Vacation of a portion of the Utility/Drainage Easement for Dennis Hjerpe, 19429 Cedar Island Lake Road, 23.14547.0000. A portion of the existing shed was built in the easement. All paperwork was in order and had been drawn up by Township Attorney, Bob Ruppe. **A motion was made by Gertken, second by Burg to approve the vacation. Carried 3-0.** Resolution 2015-5 was signed by the clerk and chair.

The board considered a variance for Vera Novak, 20785 Fruitwood Road, 23.14508.0000. The request was for 24 feet from the road right-of-way instead of the required 30 feet and 58 feet from the center of the existing road, instead of the required 63 feet. They would like to build new 34 x 60-foot home. The Planning and Zoning Board had held a public hearing at 7:45 PM that evening and made a recommendation to the town board to approve the variance.

**A motion to grant the variance as written was made by Burg, second by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Resolution 2019- 4 was signed by the clerk and the chair.

**A motion to approve the town board minutes from August 19, 2019, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $1,560.92 Expenses $21,058.85 Balance $474,333.10. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Ken Salchow, 19366 Cedar Island Court, stated that he has lived at this address for 22 years and no maintenance has ever been done to the road. He said that he has paid taxes to the township but does not receive any benefit as far as the roads are concerned. Willenbring explained to him that Cedar Island Court is a private road and is not maintained by the township. It is maintained by the residents that live along the road. Eileen Decker would like the township to take over the road. If the township would put any money into it, it would belong to the township. The township is not in a financial position to take on that expense. Decker is getting pricing from MN Blacktopping for road repairs to Cedar Island Court.

Dale Job and Leslie Lane presented a summary of CMCU’s Business Advantage package. They also discussed their in-house credit card. **A motion from Burg**, **second by Gertken was made to apply for a credit card from CMCU. Carried 3-0.** Boni will provide the necessary paperwork for the application.

Lynn Burg was requesting a pay increase as the Planning and Zoning Administrator for the township. Options were discussed. The board will look at it again next month and make changes after the 1st of 2020.

Gertken had talked with Keith Schaefer regarding cleaning out the approaches on 222nd Street. Gertken explained that there are water problems and Schaefer said that he will have the ditch dug out deeper.

The three mining permits from May 2019 have been recorded.

**COL Fire Update**

The COL Fire Board is considering paying the firefighters. A possible payout that is being considered is, $50/meeting, $50/training, and $15/fire call. The fire board thought that there would be better attendance at meeting and trainings if the firefighters are paid. Gertken stated that maybe we should pay for the fire department before paying the firefighters.

Willenbring thought we should ask Ralph (Excavating) about buying Class 5 for road projects for next spring.

Ralph needs to turn around on Fresno Court with the road grader. The township needs to figure out where the lines should be. Find the plat from the county.

Gertken will began cutting the road ditches for the fall.

**Reviewed Mail**

**A motion to pay bills and was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $ 90,929.07 using check numbers 6547-6571. **A motion to pay Supervisor Burg, for spraying and mowing was made by Gertken, second Willenbring. Carried 2-0.** Check #6557. **A motion to pay Supervisor Gertken for cutting road ditches, was made by Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 2-0.** Check# 6552.

**At 10:30, motion to adjourn was made by Gertken, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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