Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **November 18, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on November 18, 2019by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

**Present**

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

**A motion to open the public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of Eastway Court was made by Gertken, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.** The request was beingmade by Tim/Ila Macik, 20731 Eastway Court. All paperwork was in order and had been drafted by Bob Ruppe, Township attorney. Documents were reviewed by the board members. There were no questions or comments. **A motion was made by Gertken, second by Burg to close the public hearing. Carried 3-0. A motion to grant the vacation as presented was made by Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Resolution 2019-8 was signed by the chair and clerk and will be forwarded to the Stearns County Recorder’s Office for filing.

**A second public hearing was opened with a motion from Gertken, second by Burg to consider a vacation of a portion of lane in the Welling’s Addition for Jerome and Marie Andres (Jennifer Enos).** All paperwork was in order and had been drafted by Bob Ruppe. There were no questions or comments. The board reviewed the documents. **A motion to close the public hearing was made by Burg, second by Gertken. Carried 3-0. A motion was made by Gertken to grant the vacation of a portion of lane, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Resolution 2019-7 was signed by the chair and clerk. It will be filed with the Stearns County Recorder’s office.

**A motion to approve the town board minutes from October 21, 2019, with two corrections, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

The board discussed switching from Falcon Bank to CMCU. Willenbring thought that we should take into consideration that Falcon Bank had loaned the fire district the money to pay for a new pumper truck for a few days without interest. Burg and Gertken both were disappointed that Falcon Bank had not taken an active role in helping us get a credit card and only made a pitch to keep us there after the Credit Union had come to a board meeting. **A motion to switch to CMCU was made by Burg, second by Gertken. Carried 2-0. Willenbring abstained.** Boni will get in touch with the credit union and get the ball rolling. We plan to make the switch in January 2020.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $28,537.47 Expenses $60,213.16 Balance $354,656.84. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

There will be a variance consideration at the town board meeting in December.

**COL Fire Update**

The fire budget meeting will be held on December 9, 2019 at the COL fire hall. A part of that meeting will be to discuss a $15,000 increase in the budget to pay for firefighters. Of that the Munson portion would be over $8,000. There will be no spring fundraiser in 2020. There will be a pontoon raffle in August.

The board conducted an Indebtedness Review of township balances on three loans. It was agreed to pay off the $25,000 loan for the tarring of Elkview Road at Falcon National Bank at the December meeting.

The furnace at the town hall had stopped working. Boni had stopped by the hall and the temperature was only 55 degrees. Gilk Plumbing and Heating had been called for the repair. It was decided to install a thermostat that can be monitored with a smartphone. **With a motion from Burg, second by Gertken,** the board gave Boni permission to spend up to $150 for the new thermostat. **Carried 3-0.**

Troy Buermann had called Willenbring to see if the township would clear out the stumps on 210th Street. Willenbring met with Ralph Gertken to look at the area. The board gave the okay to clear out the stumps.

**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 $ 34,181.29 using check numbers 6589-6602.  **A motion to pay Supervisor Gertken for cutting road ditches, was made by Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 2-0.** Check# 6596.

**At 9:50, a motion to adjourn was made by Gertken, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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