Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **February 22 , 2022**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on February 22, 2022, by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

# **Present**

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

# **A motion to approve the town board minutes from January 18, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $5,074.13 Expenses $13,755.08 Balance $123,867.19. $450,338.92 in CDs and money market. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**Mining Pit Permit -Mathiowetz Construction, Rick and Barbara Wait, 23.13770.023**

Greg Hurias was requesting a mining permit for the Wait property for use on the Hwy 23 road project. The agreement will be for 2 years, and the land will be returned to farmland or a wildlife spot. Hurias questioned the 2 to 1 slope saying that it was too steep, stating that it should be a gradual slope for semis. Mike Behnen said that the P and Z board would like to adhere to the 2 to 1 slope. Hurias will work with the township on that issue. **A motion was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg to approve the mining pit. Carried 3-0.**

Hurias said that Ralph Gertken would like to reclaim the muck from the pits along new Hwy 23 and use it to fill in his pit and level it off. Willenbring signed the document approving that.

Dave Thielen had attended a P and Z meeting at Eden Lake to gain insight into what other townships are doing. He asked how long we have to come up with a policy for vacation rentals. The township has until December and can extend the moratorium for another 6 months. Gertken would like to see the P and Z board come up with a policy and then turn it over to the county to enforce.

Rod Gertken, local contractor, put in a good word for Michael Friedrichs, the new township building inspector. Gertken said that he is easy to work with. Jerry Haus, former Munson building inspector also recommended Friedrichs.

Mike Behnen would like the township board to buy a PA system and 2 mics to be used at township meetings. He said that people attending the meeting cannot hear what is going on.

**A motion to allow Burg to purchase a 55”- 65” TV, bracket and HDMI hookup for township use was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Purchase price for the TV, $499-$550.

The board discussed a snow procedure for the township that would include the City of Richmond, Stearns County, Wakefield Township, and the City of Cold Spring. That way all snowplows would be sent out at the same time. Willenbring will talk to Ken at Gertken Bros to let him know what the board wants. Gertken said that Ken should hit the blacktopped roads first. Gertken also wanted Willenbring to ask Ken if we have enough salt/sand for the rest of the season.

**COL Fire Update**

14 calls last month. They are at the 29-member mark. Looking into the possibility of charitable gambling

**Mail**

Advertising, Knife River, U of M Gravel Maintenance, Xcel Energy Rate Increase, Pipeline Project, Joe DeRose offered help with rental policy.

**A motion to pay bills was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $60,566.86 using check numbers 7130-7144.

**At 9:35 the meeting adjourned.**

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