Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **June 17, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on June 17, 2019 by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

## Present

## Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Vice-Chair, Orville Willenbring, P & Z board members, Mike Behnen, John Tschumperlin and P &Z Ad., Lynn Burg.

## A motion to approve the town board minutes from May 20, 2019, with three corrections, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $3259.75 Expenses $35,988.31 Balance $363,501.59 **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

Chad Stang, 222nd St in the Bunker Hill Development was requesting the township to vacate part of the utility and drainage easement in the development. He had permission from the county, but the county wanted a letter from the township giving their okay. Lynn will send the paperwork to Ruppe. The board will go along with what Ruppe recommends. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** The board will sign the letter that Ruppe sends.

Tim Meland and Paul Orvis, Deputies from the Stearns County Sheriff’s Department were present. Since the election of Steve Soyka to the Sheriff’s position, he has a new vision to have quarterly contact with the townships. Nevis and Meland will be attending township meetings quarterly or more often if the township requests it.

Doug Mortenson, 20935 Elmway Court, on Horseshoe Lake, PID# 23.14344.0000, would like to hire a contractor at his expense to provide for a 120 foot turn around on the dead-end road for safety. He already has permission from the county, but they would like a letter of approval sent to the county. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Boni will email the letter.

The board discussed the possibility of the Planning and Zoning Board going to a three-person board instead of the current five-person board. The members of the P and Z Board that were present, did not think it was a good idea to change. They thought that it was good to have more opinions on certain issues. It was decided to leave things the way they are.

The P and Z Board recommended Dave Thielen to be appointed to fill the vacancy on their board at their meeting in June. **Motion to appoint Thielen made by Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** The P and Z Board will work out who will be vice-chair at their next meeting. With Matt Burg stepping down from the board, Orville Willenbring will become chair.

**COL FIRE UPDATE**

They had obtained a gambling permit and will have a drawing for a pontoon on September 1, with a possible event for the drawing.

The board reviewed the ORI Joint Powers and Court Services documents. It was decided to wait to sign the documents and ask what cost would be involved for connection services. Boni will contact Attorney Mike Lieberg to get answers.

Mike Behnen asked if the township needs to put 4” of asphalt on our roads now instead of 3” because of the heavy equipment being used on the roads. The discussion resulted in no conclusion being made at this time.

Tony Barthel was questioning whether there should be an escape lane on the curve of 217th and County Rd 43. The board advised him to contact the county engineer and get a petition going. Barthel wanted to know if the township would be paying for half of the dust control cost on Fruitwood Road again. Yes, we will be paying half again. Barthel asked at what point the road grader is sent out for grading after a rain. After 3/10” -1/4” of rain the grader is sent out.

Tim Lunsford will be sent a certified letter by Ruppe to inform him not to erect the 8-foot post in the ROW again.

Lynn had received the IUP mining permit resolutions back from the county to correct the legal descriptions. She will send them back in with the corrected info to be recorded.

A letter had been received asking the township to participate in the Census New Construction Program. The board declined.

The board also declined to participate in the Urban Expansion Plan.

The Gilks living on 246th St had water coming into their basement and they believe that it is a result of the ditch on 222nd St not draining properly. Ralph’s Excavating estimated the cost to put in a culvert would be around $1000 and to clean out the ditch of cattails etc. would cost another $1000. Willenbring will contact the DNR and the county environmental services about the issue.

**A motion was made by Burg to give Butch permission to cut the road ditches. Second by Willenbring. Carried.**

**A motion was made by Gertken to give Burg permission to spray weeds in the road ditches. Second by Willenbring. Carried.**

Bob Dunning from the Stearns county highway dept would like to accompany the township on its annual weed inspections. Burg will call and set up a time.

**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 $ 42,588.25 using check numbers 6497-6521. 6498 and 6517 were voided. **A motion to pay Supervisor, Matt Burg, for road work was made by Gertken, second Willenbring. Carried 2-0. Check #6507. A motion to approve payroll was made by Gertken, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Payroll amount $10,559.44.

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

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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