Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **January 19, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on January 19, 2021 by Chairman, Butch Gertken.

# **Present**

## Joe Willenbring, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Ad., Lynn Burg, P& Z Chair, Mike Behnen.

**A motion to approve the town board minutes from December 21, 2020 was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $143,394.41 Expenses $40,350.97 Balance $458,737.91. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

**Tim Meland, Sergeant- Stearns County Sheriff’s Dept**.

Meland provided an update for township traffic citations and other activities for October-December. Meland was the officer that responded to the dog barking incident on Fruitwood road in November. The board does not plan on making any changes to our ordinance regarding barking dogs. It is only the second time that we have had a complaint of this issue.

**Appoint election judges, head judge and absentee ballot board.**

Judges: Rita Schroeder, Carin Schroeder, Joe Willenbring, Butch Gertken, and Maxine Weismann.

Head Judge: Maxine Weismann

Absentee Ballot Board: Rita Schroeder, Carin Schroeder, Joe Willenbring, and Butch Gertken.

**Motion for election judges, head judge and ballot board was made by Burg second, Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

**Mike Nielson, WSB**

Dave Robertson, supervisor from Farming township was present to hear the tarring info for 260th Street as Farming Twp shares a 50/50 split with Munson Twp for tarring and repairs of that street and the adjoining bridge.

Nielson explained that if we decide to apply for the grant, there are no guarantees that our application will be accepted, or that we would be eligible for funding.

We could keep applying for funding on that road and other roads in the future.

The funds would be reimbursed from the state and we may need to take out a short-term loan.

If we do not get grant funding, we could back out.

**A motion to go ahead with the application process with WSB, contingent upon Farming Township approval, was made by Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0**

**COL Fire Update**

The new truck is at Troy Kraemer’s for signage application. Calendars are doing well with donations. Pontoon raffle will be August 1. Some members of the department are at the10-year membership status; therefore, the district is thinking of adding to the by-laws limiting relief association benefits. The department is applying for a FEMA grant for extraction equipment. Fire meetings are the second Monday of each month, except for Columbus Day in October. Boni will post a notice of the meeting schedule at the town hall.

Boni read an email from Steve Fenske, Association of MN Twps attorney concerning brush cutting and snow blowing by residents on township roads. He clearly stated that that is a practice that must be avoided. If we want residents of the township to perform that type of work, we will need to hire them and provide insurance, or they would need to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance for themselves.

**A motion to pay bills and payroll was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $17,527.59 using check numbers 6923-6935.

**At 9:25, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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