

MUNSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 20, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00pm on March 20, 2023 by chairman Butch Gertken

Present were Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Joe Willenbring, Boni Behnen, Dick Behnen. Linda Theisen, Planning and Zoning chair Dave Thielen, planning and zoning member Orville Willenbring, Stearns County deputy Tim Meland, Theresa Branstner, Gary Branstner, Dawn Jensen, Rick Klehr, John Mueller, Gary Hemmesch, Janet Doll, Mike Doll, Lee Steckman and Gary Hemmesch

The minutes from the February meeting were read. Matt Burg made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Joe Willenbring seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Dick Behnen gave the treasures report \$4763.52 in income. \$18,450.41 expenses, ending checkbook balance \$94,176.45 and \$454904.02 in money market and savings. Joe Willenbring made a motion to accept the treasures report, Matt Burg seconded it, all in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Tim Meland gave a report of calls in Munson Township, In January there were 34 calls, mostly medical and traffic stops. In February there were 30 calls the in, again mostly medical and traffic stops.

Rick Klehr was there stating that RCC Farms and Lauer & Son Inc are working with the county to do a water project to control wash outs and run off after a heavy rain and they are looking for a 32 or 40 foot culvert. Discussion was held, Rick was asked to check with The Chain of Lakes Association to find out if they would have some cost share available for this type of project. He was also asked to get the final information together and come back to the April meeting.

John Mueller from John Mueller Excavating was at the meeting to discuss the possibility of him doing some blading of gravel roads for the township. Discussion was held, John is currently doing this for Zion and Lake Henry townships and that he is looking to get a second blading truck, but has not found one as of yet. He will put together a bid for blading the roads. The board needs to get contact information and the miles of roads to John.

Ralph Gertken will not be placing a bid on graveling the township roads.

Gary Hemmesch from Hemmesch Excavating, Gary is currently working for the county and will be going out on his own in the near future. He is also interested in doing the blading and getting gravel for the township roads, discussion was held. He will be putting together a bid and will present it at the April meeting.

Regarding the ban on short term rentals. Matt Burg made a motion to get the paperwork together and notortized and back to the county and that is should be put in the paper also. Joe Willenbring seconded it, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Thielen from Planning and Zoning Board reviewed with the board what they had done regarding the short term rental, when he said "I" is was him and when he said "we" it was the board. We had done our homework and research to the best of our ability. The ban would be on any new rentals only. Discussion was held. At the April meeting Jeff Bertram and Angie Berg will be in attendance. Orville Willenbring has concerns what will happen with the County at this meeting. Theresa Branstner also has

concerns with the county being the least restrictive with any rules. Lee Steckmann said the Planning and Zoning Board did their job and passed the information to the board. Gary Branstner thanked the board for their decision. And stated that by following county rules, there would be huge problems.

Matt Burg, no new updates from the Chain of Lakes Fire Department. Dean Holthaus was at the annual meeting and had given an update.

Joe Willenbring made a motion to review mail, Matt Burg seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Joe Willenbring made a motion to pay bills check numbers 7359 to 7387 totaling \$71,325.14. Matt Burg seconded it, all in favor, motion carried. After reviewing the bills, the one to Ralphs Excavating needs to be looked into closer, it seems that there might be an error. Matt Burg made a motion to sign the check to Ralphs Excavating, but not send it until it is verified. Joe Willenbring seconded it, all in favor, motion carried.

Upcoming Events

Short course March 27 9am to 3pm

ReOrganization Meeting April 3, 9am, before Board of Equalization Meeting

Tree trimming, check with Aaron Willenbring

Theresa Branstner, annual meeting moderator, is wondering if something is brought up at the annual meeting when will the board act on it, and the board said, at the next annual meeting, she has some concerns about Mike Behnen from the planning and zoning board's attitude.

Joe Willenbring will try to get gravel bids from Herdering Inc and Gary Hemmesch to present at the April meeting.

At 9:25pm Matt Burg, made a motion to adjourn, Joe Willenbring seconded it, all in favor, motion carried