

# **Munson Township Board of Supervisors**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on June 15, 2020 by Chairman, Butch Gertken.

### **Present**

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

**A motion to approve the town board minutes, with two changes from May 18, 2020, was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income \$2,376.62 Expenses \$25,759.67 Balance \$406,635.98 **A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

### **COL Fire Update**

Boat, motor, and lights are repaired and up and running.

The boat raffle for this summer is canceled. With River Lake Days and other events being canceled, it would be difficult to sell raffle tickets.

The fire district is considering selling the Gold Cross Rescue unit. It needs repairs that could cost \$3000 or better. They are thinking of using a Chevy Suburban for rescues. The fire district has 2 new hires with a total of 25 members.

### **Variance Request**

Joseph Rennie, 23074 W Torah Drive, #23.14643.0104. Requesting a variance for 27 feet from the road right -of-way instead of the required 30 feet and/or 59 feet from the center of the existing road instead of the required 63 feet. He would like to build a 30 x 40 shed onto the existing shed. Planning and Zoning held a public hearing on June 4, 2020 and made a 5-0 recommendation to the town board to approve the request. **Motion to approve the request was made by Willenbring, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Resolution # 2020-4 was signed by the chair and the clerk.

The final plat for Marvin and Diana Leither was signed by P and Z Chair, Orville Willenbring, and town board chair, Butch Gertken **with motion from Burg, second by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Dennis Needham was concerned about ATV activities on Florence Circle. He said it was a safety issue with ATV's speeding around the circle. He asked for 30 MPH signs to be put up. Also, there are trees growing in the ROW that are obstructing the view of the road. Gertken asked if Needham was okay for the township to cut down all the trees that are 3 inches or larger in diameter. Needham gave

the okay. Gertken said that it would be taken care of. Needham also complained that one property on Florence has 3 trailers parked in the yard. He said that several years ago they had to move one of their trailers because he was told that they could only have 1 per lot. Lynn will investigate it and send out a letter to the violator.

Marilyn Pawluk asked about the possibility of Florence Circle being tarred. Willenbring stated that the town board would be open to that but that the board would require 100% participation with the residents living on Florence to pay half and the township pay half. Willenbring had estimates for 3" of pavement @ \$72,500 or double chip seal @ \$32,500. Pawluk will talk with residents and try to get signatures.

If the residents wanted to go forward with either option, the money would need to be paid upfront with no option for assessments. Money would need to be in by July 1.

Paul Gertken, president of Horseshoe Heights Association would like to replat the development. The legal description needs to be cleaned up to fit the footprint of the map. No other changes will be made. The Board of Directors are all in favor with making the changes. The P and Z Board made a recommendation to approve the replat with 5-0 vote.

**Motion to approve the replat and clean up the legal description for Horseshoe Heights was made by Willenbring, second by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Mike Nielson, WSB Engineering and Wakefield Township Engineer was present to discuss the possibility of his firm assessing Munson Township roads. He would be available for design construction, management, and inspection of township roads. He would make recommendations and develop a road plan for the township. His fee for that would be \$30,000. The board will decide at the next meeting.

Andy Leenstra was unhappy that the board had denied his request for a rezoning of his property. He had sent a letter to the board detailing his reasons why the board should reconsider. The letter had been read aloud at the May 18 board meeting. Gertken reiterated why the rezone was denied. Leenstra became angry and told Gertken that he was an asshole. Gertken and the board stood by their original decision to deny the rezone request.

Paul Orvis, Stearns County Sheriff's Dept gave an update on services provided by the sheriff's dept to Munson Township. He said that we could call at any time with questions or concerns.

Ralph is waiting for rain to put gravel on 246<sup>th</sup> St. Dutch Ave needs to be graded before dust coating.

Ditch needs repair by Butch Gertken's. 243<sup>rd</sup> has water standing on the southside by culvert. Willenbring will call Ralph to take care of it.

**A motion was made by Gertken to give permission to Burg to spray road ditches, second by Willenbring. Carried 2-0.**

**A motion was made by Willenbring to give Gertken permission to cut road ditches, second by Burg. Carried 2-0.**

**A motion to have MN Blacktopping make repairs on Big Lake Road and Townsview Lane was made by Burg, second by Willenbring. Carried 3-0. Estimate \$5,500.**

Burg will conduct weed inspections at the end of June.

Lynn had received a complaint from Dave Thielen regarding heavy farm trucks on West Torah. The board does not have the power to limit the use of ag equipment on township roads.

The board had received two complaints about George Schlangen's irrigation rig crossing over 213<sup>th</sup> Ave. Boni will send a reminder letter to Schlangen that that practice is not allowed by the township. The restrictions also apply to the person renting Schlangen's land.

**A motion to pay bills and was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0. Bills were paid in the amount of \$ 55,928.58 using check numbers 6775-6802.**

**A motion to pay Burg for sign work and picking up garbage was made by Willenbring, second by Gertken. Carried 2-0. Burg abstained. Check #6788.**

**At 9:45, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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