Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **April 17, 2023**

# The April 17, 2023, regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM, by Chairman, Matt Burg.

# **Present**

# Butch Gertken, Joe Willenbring, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, and P& Z Chair, Dave Thielen. Also present were P&Z Board members Mike Behnen, Orville Willenbring, County Commissioner Jeff Bertram, and Angie Berg from Environmental Services along with a host of people from the public.

# **A motion to approve the town board minutes from March 20, 2023, was made by Willenbring, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2023 Special Meeting, was made by Willenbring, Seconded by Gertken, carried 3-0**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $49,192.90, Expenses $71,325.14, with a Balance of $72,044.21 with $455,076.24 in Money Market and CD’s **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Willenbring, seconded by Gertklen. Carried 3-0.**

Matt and Ashley Lanndwehr asked to replace an existing fence, part of which is in the road right of way, and put up additional fencing. **A Motion to accept the proposed fencing was made by Gertken, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Herdering, Knife River, and Minnesota Dust Control, submitted quotes for dust coating. The work was given to Minnesota Dust Control. Gertken reminded him that the work needs to be done in a timely manner. **A motion to accept the Minnesota Dust Control quote was made by Willenbring, seconded by Gertken, carried 3-0.**

Crow River Construction, Gary Hemmesch, and Herdering Inc., submitted Quotes for gravel. **A motion was made by Willenbring to give the blading to** **Gary Hemmesch, seconded by Gertken, carried 3-0.**

Gary Hemmesch submitted a quote for blading. **A motion to accept the quote was made by Gertken, seconded by Willenbring, carried 3-0.**

Rick Klehr came to address water issues but as of yet he has not heard back from anyone. Joe will try to find some contact information for him to access some aid.

Stearns County Commissioner, Jeff Bertram and Angie Berg from Environmental Services were present as a resource, to answer questions regarding Vacation Rentals. The County adopted their ordinance on vacation rentals on January 1st. Jeff stated that he felt it was a good ordinance and addressed concerns on both sides of the issue. He saw it as a good starting point but stressed the public needs to draw attention to offenses. Angie stated that all complaints will be addressed and that the County Ordinance will be enforced if something is brought to their attention. If the township adopts a more restrictive ordinance, it is up to the township to enforce that. A resident commented that they felt the County is not proactive enough. Angie stressed the County is very proactive and has already taken actions on the ordinance, but no, they do not go out and check each individual rental because they do not have the staff. A question was asked about fines. Angie stated that no fines are issued for complaints or false complaints. These would only be for a criminal offense and that has never happened. Butch Gertken asked about user fees for enforcement, but Angie stated the County would not do that. Bertram suggested adding Sherrif hours to enforce a more restrictive ordinance. There were strongly stated arguments both for and against the ban. DeRose stated that he thought the ban was excessive and that both sides should come together in the spirit of compromise but felt the town board was sticking up for the residents wanting the ban. A resident was ejected from the hall by the Chair for refusing to yield.

Larry Lahr asked to have his lot at West Ashton have the pond included. The Board decided to have him first go to the county to have them check on the easement.

**COL Fire Update –**

\*13 calls this month

**Mail**

**A motion to pay bills was made by Willenbring, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $31,235.06, using check numbers 7388-7400. **A motion pay bills was made by Willenbring, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

Giltz, Gable, and Branstner brought up road and water issues. These will be addressed on the road tour.

**At 10:20 PM, the meeting was extended to Thursday April 20, 2023, at 4:15 for Road Inspections. Linda Theisen will take minutes.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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