Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **May 17, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on May 17, 2021, by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

# **Present**

# Butch Gertken, 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 April 19, 2021, was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $50,570.21 Expenses $87,381.01 Balance $421,927.11. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

Tony Barthel asked if the township was going to pay for half of the dust control on Fruitwood again. The township will pay half and is looking for May 25th deadline for completion.

Barthel asked when the grader was sent out to blade Fruitwood Road. Willenbring said that the grader is sent out when a call is made by a resident saying that the road needs attention. Barthel stated that he feels that the grading is overdone on Fruitwood.

Ron Mehr would like to be notified before the dust coat is applied. Last year he was not notified, and part of the road was not done. Boni will contact Central MN Dust Control to make sure that they a notifying the residents.

Tim Meland, Stearns County Sheriff’s Deputy, gave an update on calls in the township for Feb, Mar, and Apr.

Meland had done research on a property on Big Lake Road that has an excessive number of campers, boats etc. No one lives there currently. Munson Township’s ordinance does not contain anything to force the clean up of the property. Meland had contacted Stearns County Environmental Services to investigate the issue. Willenbring believes that the county has a nuisance ordinance that may apply to this property.

Willenbring had received a complaint about an Airbnb on Elmway Road- Cars speeding and trespassing. The board asked if the sheriff’s dept could patrol more often.

Resolution 2021-2 was signed. The resolution stated that the board agreed with MNDOT to take turn backs from the Hwy 23 expansion. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

An agreement was signed with Pilgrim’s Pride to allow for overweight trucks to haul on .73 miles on Hilltop Road. The agreement is contingent upon Farming Township agreeing. **Motion Gertken, second Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Gertken had been asked by Rick Bohlman if the township would be willing to sell him a portion of our land that goes down to the river. By legal agreement, the township is not allowed to sell any portion of the land that was given to them.

Justin Messner, Director of Municipal Operations and Kevin Kruger, Project Engineer for WSB wanted to introduce themselves and asked for questions. Kruger will be taking Mike Nielson’s place as he has recently left WSB. Grant money for road improvements has not been awarded yet, possibly early June.

The board discussed the purchase of an upgraded printer that could also be used for printing ballots. Boni will contact the county for printer requirements.

Willenbring had received a quote from Knife River for tarring Fresno Circle for $80- $85,000, ½ mile with a 100-foot turnaround.

Boni will contact Central MN Dust Control to contact Ralph’s Excavating as he has been unable to reach them concerning the road near Kolb’s. Boni will also ask them to contact Ron Mehr and other residents that want dust control this year.

Ralph dug out the culvert near Kolb’s (250th )and the culvert was ok. Kolb would like a larger culvert to be put in place, but the board was not in favor with that. If the board would agree to it, they would want an agreement signed with Kolb to pay for the damage should there be a washout.

Ralph brought a brochure and sample of High-Performance plastic culverts. It is cheaper than steel and much easier to work with. It is available at Granite City Waterworks in Waite Park. Delivery and pick up would be easier and cheaper as well.

Mike Behnen was questioning the berms on the Duininck Mining Pit by Roscoe. He thought that the P and Z board had asked for 8-foot berms to be a condition on the permit. at their meeting in April 2020.

Mail was reviewed from Stearns County about their 5-year plan for roads.

Lynn said that there will be two variances next month.

**COL Fire Update**

The old truck was sent to auction. The dept is discussing a new computer system and applying for a credit card through Falcon Bank. There are insurance questions about the pontoon that the dept would like to raffle off in August.

**A motion to pay bills was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $39,070.45 using check numbers 6988-6994.

**At 9:30, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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