

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman John Czanstkowski Sr. called this June 5, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting to order and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were; William McMullen, Mike Barfknecht, Stephanie Russek and Renee Olson.

Motion to approve the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous

Chairman Czanstkowski Recesses the regular meeting and **Calls to Order** the Public Hearing for Vacation of Drainage & Utility Easements in White Birch Acres. Paul Otto representing Joshua Bragg, is present this evening. Paul shows the board the plan to vacate the easements within the plat and make new easements. The board resolution vacates the existing easements, then the new plat is effective and makes the new easements. **Motion** to dispense with reading of the resolution and to adopt the board resolution allowing vacation of the drainage and utility easements in White Birch Acres
McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous

Motion to record the Notice of Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements at the Wright County Recorder's Office
McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous

Motion to adjourn public hearing and reconvene the regular Franklin Township meeting
McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Three bids were received for Seal Coating. The first is from Caldwell Asphalt Company with a total bid \$88,822.48. The second is from Allied Blacktopping with a total bid of \$64,077.90 and the final bid is from Pearson Brothers for a total bid of \$50,158.90 **Motion** to accept the low cost bid from Pearson Brothers, whom we have worked with in the past, for Seal Coating this season. McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous

No bids were received for the remilling and paving special projects in the township. The board discusses companies to solicit. Southwest Paving is in town doing St. Peter's parking lot. Barfknecht will call him and see if they are interested in this project. Mueller is another option, they are also working in town. Barfknecht will be the key contact for these special projects and he will contact both companies for a bid.

Mark & Patty Pany 256 82nd Street SE are present this evening along with other residents that reside on 82nd Street. They would like to know what the plan is for 82nd Street and when something is going to be done. Barfknecht states that the bid we were looking for, no one responded to. Residents say the road is tearing apart the cars and is very dangerous. The board explains that the immediate plan for 82nd is to grind the

bad holes out, patch the holes and seal off with oil. Czanstkowski talks about Otta Seal, a new product the board is looking into. Pany asks if this is going to look like a patched road or one smooth finish when it is complete. McMullen responds that he believes it will be one smooth road.

Residents state that 82nd has become unsafe. In May, a high school girl flipped her car on 82nd. McMullen states that we know the road and have spent some time trying to figure this out. The board is planning to address 82nd this year. Residents state to the board that their patience is running thin and they would really appreciate something be done this year.

One Resident who lives on Brighton Avenue asks what traffic count classifies a “high traffic” road. How does the board determine a high profile/high traffic road? McMullen states that after they turned Brighton back to granite, in hindsight, it could have been a mistake. He also states that if Otta Seal works for 40th Street and/or 82nd Street, that Brighton and 110th may also good candidates.

Barfknecht states that the weather matters; some years the granite is just like asphalt, but some years not. Many variables affect the roads each year.

45th Street Speed Signs Amy Warner, 45th Street, is present this evening. There is not a speed limit sign on her road. There are lots of little kids, school busses, UPS drivers and Farmington is the closest road with a speed limit sign. McMullen states that there is a statue in place regarding how many houses and driveways within a certain space for being able to set speed limit signs on gravel roads. McMullen will look up the statue to see if there is something we can do in this area.

Randall Brian Nielsen PID 208-200-021303 Randall is present this evening. McMullen has spoken with him previously regarding the land swap/lot line adjustment he is seeking. Nielsen has land on Ehler Avenue. He sold the house but kept the land. Wright County says he cannot use it for commercial storage any longer because it does not meet the 10-acre minimum requirement. He has a neighbor that will sell him enough to make the required 10 acres. He has spoken with Sean Riley at Wright County. **Motion** to approve the petition to rezone from General AG to AG Residential as long as it complies with all Wright County planning and zoning McMullen/Barfknecht M/S/C Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Delegated Board Responsibilities Czanstkowski- has spoken with Steve Johnson about land, utilizing the park dedication fund monies. He is willing to sell land. Barfknecht does not think this area is going to work, due to the road access. Czanstkowski will meet with Johnson and look into this further and let the other supervisors know his findings. John has been talking with Wright County about renting the crack filling machine. This is not an option. They gave Czanstkowski a referral and he will look into a quote. Also planning to contact Knife River and see if they are willing to work on the ½ halfway bridge when they do the CSAH 16 reclamation project. We will

need a quote from them. Russek will contact Knife River. John will visit roads that have potential for Otta Seal and report back to the board. **McMullen** was able to secure a 3% price reduction from Martin Marietta for all of our granite purchases.

Russek Cenex and Beaudry are apples to apples and pennies apart for pre purchasing fuel. Both supply tanks etc. After discussion, **Motion** to lock in the price with Beaudry at \$1.97 for 12 months McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous.

Russek will talk with maintenance employee Butterfass to finalize details and timing. Wright County has confirmed that work on CSAH 16 will begin anywhere between July and September of this year. Russek will check with Knife River to see if they are able to work with us on the ½ way bridge while they are in the area.

Olson has traced the township minutes back to August 2015 and supplied copies to the supervisors. There is no wording or motion that says we were planning to grind 82nd Street back to gravel. It is the consensus of the board to not turn it back to granite.

40th Street Update/SPRA- Russek reports that both Virgil Hawkins and Marc Mattice are on board to help with all supporting documents and letters of recommendation. Marc Mattice has confirmed that the road counter will be placed before June 12

Meridian Ave Box Culvert Update- Everything is moving forward and the timeline from Shane Nelson is discussed. **Motion** to accept the Haugo Geo quote for soil borings for Meridian Avenue. McMullen will double check with the DNR if timeline, as is, changes anything.

Frontier Update—Frontier feels they have made a significant advancement in service based on 2 things. One of the repeaters was respaced and the software has been updated and recalibrated. Frontier states that these two changes are giving the township more service stability. Russek states that she has tried to get a list of equipment and their age for each site in Franklin Township. Frontier will not provide; they state that is proprietary information. Finally, there is no longer a mechanism to challenge incorrect FCC rulings. Franklin Township has been unqualified to apply for CAF funding based on incorrect service provider information. Frontier's regulations employee, Jack Phillips, suggests we send a letter to the FCC and also to Congress letting them know that Franklin Township was incorrectly mapped and see if in the future, they will take that information and correct their mapping to make us eligible. Russek will draft that letter. We are waiting to hear back from Frontier regarding State of MN Border to Border broadband. Frontier now has an internal group set up to review grant funding. Our project is being reviewed and their deadline is September. We will know more at that time.

OTHER

Motion to accept the increase of \$25.00 per household for the year 2018 and sign the Montrose Fire Protection Agreement McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous

Twin Pines loader fee Brain is keeping track of the fuel usage and we will bill them for that. **Motion** to set the loader convenience fee at \$25.00 per hour plus fuel. McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous.

Traffic Count Update County Line Road has been counted, we will continue to count and present totals at monthly meetings.

Dust Control and grading letter Dennis Sullivan is present this evening and wonders if some speed limit signs can be set up. As was discussed earlier in the meeting, MN State Law sets the speed limit on gravel roads, unless a certain number of houses is reached. McMullen will be looking into this and it will be discussed again next month. Sullivan lives on 110th and the road is terribly dusty. Along with increased speed, it makes the road miserable now. Barfknecht states that once the granite is laid throughout the township; dust control will be applied. Speed really effects dust control, if people would slow down, it would make a big difference. Discussion about rate of dust control in high traffic areas to apply more, in lower traffic areas, the volume needed is less. Barfknecht will talk with our maintenance employees about this.

Public Hearing for annexation of Randy's Rentals is June 20th at the City of Delano. The board has received notification and it looks like this land will be annexed.

New MAT cards were received and distributed to supervisors and clerks.

Opportunity for Public Comment Comment that the culvert by Danny Hanson is too short and the road is pulling in. After discussion the board determines that a culvert extension is needed and agrees to do the work.

Milo Durbin is present and states the maintenance employee did a good job grading the culvert out by his house.

Motion was made to approve claims #14459 through #14472 total amount claimed \$12,589.20 dated 05-03-2017, to approve claims #14473 through #14492 plus Delano municipal utility ach total amount claimed \$24,310.56 dated 5-17-2017 and finally to approve claims #14493 through #14504, total amount claimed \$ 69,695.01 dated 5-31-2017 McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous.

At 8:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn this June 5, 2017 meeting McMullen/Czanstkowski M/S/C Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Russek, Clerk/Treasurer

John Czanstkowski SR, Board Chair