

SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING Notes
Nov 20, 2023

6:45pm Reviewed and approved claims for payment.
7:00pm Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Supervisors Andy Olson, Scott Selken, Larry Schmidt; Treasurer/Dept. Clerk Jeanne Aufderheide; 6 residents

Additions to agenda? None

Scott made a motion to accept the agenda. Andy seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Review of meeting minutes from Oct 16th Monthly Township Meeting:

Andy made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Review of meeting minutes from November 7 special meeting:

Andy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Larry seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Open Forum

- Public comments (2 min ea.)
 - Lough Longhenry: ADA doorway is 36" door but the opening is less than 34". Could put a door in the same dimensions as exists now.

Larry made a motion to close public comments. Andy seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Township accounts:
 - Checking: **\$131,751.24**
 - Grant: **\$2,759.82**
 - ARPA: **\$75,251.24**
 - CDs: **\$508,497.01**; Interest July to Oct. \$5,207.33; YTD Interest of \$15,462.54

Larry made a motion to open public comments. Andy seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- Phil reminded the board that the township is still owed 35K from Historical Society.

Larry made a motion to close public comments. Andy seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- Ron Olson escrow bill outstanding due: **\$4,124.00**

Ron Olson feels he was unfairly charged with some of the billing from the township lawyer. Larry felt he brought up a good point, stating that the board did not understand the ordinance and subsequently engaged the attorney for consultation. Scott remembered the direction early on was that the costs were up to the applicant.

He also mentioned to Ron that his lawyers should have advised the road would not pass before much of the charges were incurred. Per Scott, the mine was talked about first, the road second, which was the issue. Scott suggested splitting the cost between the board and Ron Olson. Ron does not feel like he was treated fairly, and it is bigger than the 4k he was billed. He did not agree to split the cost at this time.

Larry stated a previous mining permit application (from estimated about 15 years ago) could be looked at to see if the applicant was charged legal fees. Andy and Scott pointed out that the ordinance states that the applicant pays all attorney fees, regardless.

Andy asked Ron what he felt was fair. Ron stated he did not know.

Scott made a motion that, with Ron's acceptance, during the December meeting it would be confirmed that the township will split the \$4,124 past due "down the middle". The township would cover half and Ron would pay the other half. Andy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Ron Olson escrow due cost to be added to December's agenda.

Planning and Zoning

Road & Bridge Report

- Road Review Report from Aug 28th
 - 166th Bridge
 - County sent a letter asking if the board wants to start discussing with the residents the right of ways, etc.
 - Andy suggested drafting a letter outlining the process. Scott agreed. Andy will draft the letter for review in the December meeting.

Citizens Committee

- Report on foundation coating repair:
 - Per Phil, the foundation repair is about done.
- Per Larry, Mike Berg called him to complain that there was no CCAC meeting last Thursday at the hall which he was going to attend. The Township website currently states that the Citizen's Committee meets every Thursday before the monthly meetings, which is no longer accurate. The website will be corrected.

Old Business

- FEMA report has been accepted by State. Two checks totaling \$4132 are coming.
- Request for dust control on Carver Highlands/Wildlife road:
 - Per Larry, it is up to the US Fish and Wildlife to pay for this as it is their responsibility/ownership.
- Ramp options
 - Plan to MN Hist Society.
 - There were three options: East side, west side, and north side.
- **Larry made a motion to go out on the west side to include the \$19, 60252 to raise the parking lot. Scott wanted to discuss a little bit more. Motion abandoned.**

- Scott stated the ramp will go on the east or west for the ramp, pending approval from the Historical society deeming which side.
- Andy will work on getting direction from the Historical Society over the next two weeks as to a ramp placement directive from them.
- **Larry made a motion for the meeting to be continued to finalize the ramp placement. Andy seconded. Motion carried. (Meeting to be continued on December 4th @4:30.)**

New Business

- The 2024 Service Contract with Carver County was signed.

Notes from the Clerk

- MAT Annual Conference is Dec 7-9 in St Cloud
- Heidi applied for Carver County Waste Disposal grant that pays for ditch picking.

Larry made a motion to approve ditch picking, regardless of if the grant is approved. Scott seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

9:10 p.m. Larry made a motion for the meeting to be continued on December 4th @4:30

12/4 Meeting continued:

Attendees: Supervisors Larry Schmidt, Scott Selken, Andy Olson; Treasurer Jeanne Aufderheide; 7 residents

Andy spoke with Todd Grover (architect) after the November 20th meeting. He added options for the front with steps but Andy declined and asked to pursue Option one (see attachment) with the ramp on the east side. A letter from the architect stating why that is the first choice is required and written confirmation from Ryan with the Historical Society that everything looks good and is approved by them. Preliminarily, it appears that he would not have a problem if Todd is on board.

Andy would like to wait one more day for confirmation from Ryan before proceeding with the work. Larry stated that either way fill is needed on the East side.

Scott made a motion to start with the fill on the East side of the building and if feedback is not provided by the Historical Society on Option One within a week to move forward with the ramp installation on the west side. Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to re-approve the ramp installation on the east side of the building along with removing brick if written approval is provided by the Historical Society. Larry seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott stated that further discussion will occur on other construction specifics. i.e. salvaging the bricks to be removed on the east side if that moves forward. Utilizing extra bricks on site and, if needed, sourcing more bricks from his inventory.

Larry made a motion to contact the vendors to coordinate unhooking the air conditioner and the propane in preparation for the fill to be brought in.

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Larry seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Addendum: 1st page is Option One – East Side Ramp installation



SFTH Ramp
Options.pdf

Todd Grover comments: Option 1:

At the beginning of the project, the ADA ramp was on the west side of the building. It is my opinion that while this is the most convenient location, by rebuilding it in this area creates a significant negative impact on the architectural setting of the building which is very important in this rural landscape. While it had to be removed for the egress upgrades to the building, putting it back in this location was not recommended.

For this option we are recommending that a new ramp be placed that starts on the northwest corner and wraps around to the east side of the building, gaining access to the porch on the east. This will avoid a negative impact to the historic setting as there are dense woods on the north and east sides of the building, limiting views of these elevations. This will require the removal of the low brick wall (2'6" tall by 7'0" long) that is located between the column pier and the building. To mitigate the integrity impact because of this removal, the bricks will be salvaged for any future brick repairs needed on the building.