

## MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order at the home of the Clerk (to facilitate a Zoom meeting) at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Via Zoom - Supervisors Keith Aho, Keith Fulcher, Hospital Representative

Mike Enzmann, Joel Knutson

In person – Supervisor Tom Chapman, Clerk Pat Chapman, Treasurer Ellie

Brunner, resident Elizabeth Chapman.

The minutes of Field Township's regular board meeting held December 8, 2020 were read and stand as presented.

Correspondence:

1. MATIT
2. Art Unlimited
3. Lake Country Power
4. St. Louis County Fair
5. St. Louis County Auditor
6. Joy of Cook
7. DNR
8. All American Title
9. MN Sec. of State
10. MAT
11. Cook Library
12. PERA
13. MN Pollution Control
14. St. Louis County Planning Commission
15. North East Title
16. Cook News Herald
17. St. Louis County Envir. Services
18. Steve Howard – Paul Bunyan
19. Timber Jay

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 105,828.51	Ending Balance: \$121,093.98
Receipts: \$17,127.34	Plus Outstanding Checks: \$79.26
Disbursements: \$1,861.87	Total Per Bank Statement: \$121,173.24

Motion made by Supervisor Fulcher, seconded by Supervisor Chapman, to approve the treasurer's report, claims and net pay distribution report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fire – No report.

Ambulance – No report.

Road and Bridges – Supervisor Fulcher reported he had driven the roads the end of December and things were fine for now. He is anticipating things will need to be done in the spring.

Hospital – Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported as of December the vaccination status is: 65% hospital staff, 42% Care Center nurses and CNAs, 25% maintenance, 14% housekeeping. 20 of 24 Care Center Residents had consented to vaccination and are being vaccinated at 5 per week. Scenic Rivers is vaccinating the public beginning with essential workers and their patients over 75. But the number of shots does not touch the number of patients. Orr ambulance problem is still not resolved.

Approved purchase of a full body workout machine to begin cardiac rehab. Approved purchase of PCR COVID testing which provides accurate testing within 30 minutes. No COVID patients have been handled in the Cook Hospital. If hospitalization is needed the patient is sent to Duluth.

Cemetery – Sexton Knutson said he will be ready to work there in the spring.

Joint Powers Board – Chairman Aho reported 400 cords of wood were taken off the school forest.

The total sale was \$6,267.45 with \$2,150.62 payment already received. The township will keep this in an account available for the school forest. project. The DNR will provide 500 white pine seedlings to be replanted by high school students in May.

Planning and Zoning – A conditional use permit requested by Tiffany McCormick for property located at 1817 Highway 53, Cook was discussed and there were no objections. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet from the DNR was received which was prepared for the proposed Voyageur Country ATV Project. It was discussed and the board will examine it further.

Hall –A township resident had emailed the clerk about lighting up the exterior of the town hall on January 19 at 5:30 pm to remember those who had died of COVID. This is a national project initiated by President –Elect Biden. Joel Knutson will undertake lighting the hall and the clerk will also inform the resident. There will be continued attempts to get bids for the repair of the hall roof.

The clerk informed the board the Joy of Cook buying club has dissolved their club. The club had rented the hall monthly for many years to receive and distribute their order.

Broadband – No report

Old Business- No report.

New Business- There was discussion about the annual election / meeting March 9. The board will Investigate further if an in person meeting can be held and make decisions at the February meeting. Supervisor Chapman will check out the status of wi-fi at the hall.

The next meeting and Board of Audit will be February 9, 2021 7 pm at the Chapman's.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.. Seconded by Supervisor Fulcher.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Pat Chapman