

**MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING and Board of Audit
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The meeting was called to order at the Clerk's residence at 7:02 p..m. There was prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Keith Fulcher, Joel Knutson, Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann via zoom. In person: Clerk Pat Chapman, Treasurer Ellie Brunner and Supervisor Tom Chapman.

The minutes of Field Township's board meeting held January 11 ,2022.

were read and a motion to approve made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 1 .MBA
2. Art Unlimited
3. MNLTAP
4. St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships
5. Cook News Herald
6. Microsoft
7. St. Louis County Election Division

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 162,083.94 Ending Balance: \$158,383.97

Receipts: \$429.98 Plus Outstanding Checks: \$56.90

Disbursements: \$4,129.95 Total Per Bank Statement: \$158,440.87

Motion made by Supervisor Knutson, seconded by Supervisor Chapman , to approve the treasurer's report, claims and net pay distribution report. Motion carried unanimously. The 2021 statements of receipts, disbursements, balances and CTAS Schedule 1 were given by Treasurer Brunner. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson to accept the year end financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman to accept the following transfers out of the General Fund:

Road \$4000 Hall \$6000

Fire \$8000 Ambulance \$7000

Cemetery \$5000

For a total of \$30,000. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Fulcher made a motion to recommend the following levy of \$62,000 for 2022 payable in the year 2023 at the Annual Meeting:

General \$25,000

Road \$7,000

Fire \$8,000

Ambulance \$8,000

Cemetery \$6,000

Hall \$8,000

Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – Supervisor Chapman reported the annual meeting for the ambulance department will be March 7, 2022.

Fire- Supervisor Chapman reported the annual meeting for the fire department will be March 7, 2022.

Road and Bridges – Supervisor Knutson reported roads are good and cleared well. Hospital – Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported the hospital has had severe staffing problems due to nursing staff reporting ill. The American Hospital Assoc. is investigating price gouging concerning wages for nurses. Scenic Rivers has hired 2 certified Nurse Practitioners. The Board approved application for

2022 Rural Hospital Capital Improvement.

Cemetery – Supervisor Knutson reported, of course, everything is covered with deep snow.

Joint Powers Board – No report.

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Hall- Supervisor Knutson reported he has been checking on the furnace and water.

Broadband- No report.

Old Business- None

New Business- Supervisor Chapman made a motion to accept the election judges as presented by the clerk (Dawn Simpson, Tammy Chapman, Kelly Whitmore) and others who are trained if needed to serve at the annual election and also as an absentee ballot board if needed. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson.

Motion carried unanimously.

The annual meeting agenda was also reviewed. Mike Enzmann will bring a monitor for zoom capabilities.

Chairman Fulcher and Supervisor Knutson attended the St. Louis County Assoc. of Township meeting via zoom January 26, 2022. \Two resolutions were passed : one in support of annexation reform, restoration of landowner voting rights and one in support of road reversion reform, allowing the townships to have a say in how many road miles the township is responsible for. The resolutions will be sent to legislative representatives.

The board discussed improvements in the town hall. Supervisor Knutson will do some measuring and investigate possibilities.

The annual election will be March 8, 2022 4:30 pm - 8 pm at the Field Town Hall with the annual meeting to follow. Alternate weather date March 15.

The re-organizational meeting will be March 17 , 2022, 7 pm at the Clerk's residence, 9998 East Lind Rd. Angora. Alternate weather date March 29.

Supervisor Knutson made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Fulcher Clerk Pat Chapman Date: