

Minutes of Field Township’s Regular Board Meeting and Board of Audit, February 9, 2021

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The February 9 , 2021, Field Township regular board meeting and Board of Audit was called to order by Chairman Keith Aho at 7:10 pm at the clerk’s residence.

Present via Zoom: Supervisors Aho and Fulcher, Sexton Knutson, Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann,

In person : Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Supervisor Chapman, Clerk Pat Chapman, Elizabeth Chapman

The January 12, 2021 regular board minutes were read and stand as presented.

Correspondence:

- 1. Scheff Logging
- 2. St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships
- 3. Steve Giorgi (Broadband)
- 4. Lake Country Power
- 5. Steve Howard (Broadband)
- 6. Art Unlimited

Treasurer’s report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Bal: \$ 121,093.98	Ending Balance: \$118,380.32
Receipts: \$1,413.01	Outstanding Checks: \$0
Expenses: \$4,126.67	Bank Balance \$118,380.32

Motion made by Supervisor Fulcher, seconded by Supervisor Chapman to approve the treasurer’s report, net pay distribution report and authorize payment of claims. Motion carried unanimously. The 2020 statements of receipts, disbursements, balances and CTAS Schedule 1 were given by Treasurer Brunner. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman , seconded by Supervisor Fulcher to accept the year end financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Supervisor Fulcher to accept the following transfers out of the General Fund:

- Road \$2,000
- Fire \$8,000
- Cemetery \$ 1,000
- Hall \$2,000
- Ambulance \$6,000

For a total of \$19,000. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Aho made a motion to recommend the following levy of \$62,000 for 2021 payable in the year 2022 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 Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Ambulance-. No report.
- Fire – No report.
- Roads and Bridges – No report.

Hospital- Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported a 2021 budget was approved outlining a net loss of \$449,509 with operating margin of \$1,097,564 (after levy). Budgeted margin is higher for 2021 due to the uncertainty of COVID monies. An Occupational Therapist began work January 25. A virtual CNA training program is planned for the Care Center. At the time of the January meeting the hospital was at 70% of all employees vaccinated with their second dose. The Care Center is open to general visitation by appointment and with negative test results.

Cemetery – No report.

Hall- No report.

Joint Powers Board – Chairman Aho reported an outhouse is needed at the school forest. Also, an area with a roof and benches for classes being held would be useful..

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Broadband – Elizabeth Chapman gave an update – Field Township did not get included in the Paul Bunyan project with Cook. Part of the township was included with a company called LTD which is active in Southern MN and their ability to complete the project is questionable. But Elizabeth said more funding is coming and we aren't done yet. Field Township has done some work which will be beneficial.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to approve election judges who were duly trained to serve as election judges for the March 9, 2021 annual election. Seconded by Supervisor Fulcher. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisor Fulcher reported on the St. Louis County Assoc. of Township meeting he attended. The major topic was how to hold the Annual Meeting on March 9. The board discussed the options of having the meeting at the hall with participants wearing masks and social distancing or postponing the meeting until June or July. Chairman Aho made a motion to have the meeting March 9 with the proper precautions. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion carried unanimously. The Annual Meeting agenda was reviewed.

The Annual Meeting is March 9, 2021 with voting from 5-8 pm and meeting to follow at the town hall. The re-organizational meeting will be March 16, 2021 7 pm at the Clerk's home. The Board of Appeal will be held at the town hall May 4, 2021 11-12.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm, seconded by Supervisor Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Aho

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date:

