

MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Aho at 7:04 p.m., March 16, 2021 at the Clerk's home (9998 East Lind Rd. Angora).

Present: Supervisors Keith Aho and Keith Fulcher via zoom, Supervisors Tom Chapman, Joel Knutson , Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Clerk Pat Chapman, Hospital Rep. Mike Enzmann in person.

The minutes of Field Township's regular board meeting (which included the board of audit) held February 9, 2021 were read and a motion was made by Supervisor Fulcher for approval, seconded by Supervisor Chapman, motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the 2021 annual meeting were read and stand as noted. Minutes will be approved at the 2022 annual meeting.

Correspondence:

1. St. Louis County Auditor
2. City of Cook
3. Mn. Assoc. of Townships
4. Office Depot
5. Art Unlimited
6. MN LTAP
7. Lake Country Power
8. Cook News Herald
9. Timberjay

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 118,380.32	Ending Balance: \$130,673.81
Receipts: \$33,664.07	Plus Outstanding Checks: \$661.83
Disbursements: \$21,370.58	Total Per Bank Statement: \$131,335.64

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

Committee Reports:

Fire- Report given at Annual Meeting.

Ambulance- Report given at Annual Meeting

Road and Bridges – There will be a road review in May.

Hospital – Hospital Rep. Mike Enzmann reported Orr will do transfers depending on staff availability. There has been refresher training for staff safety. Cook has one of the highest vaccination rates in the state due to vaccine being issued to the area and many residents are wintering in the south. Monoclonal antibody treatment is available in Cook.

Cemetery- No report..

Joint Powers Board – No report.

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Hall- No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Chairman Aho gave the oath of office to re-elected Treasurer Ellie Brunner and newly elected Supervisor Joel Knutson.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to donate \$600 to the St. Louis County Fair Association Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to donate \$750 to the Cook Public Library. Seconded by Supervisor Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Field Township Officers Nominations Listed As Follows:

CHAIRMAN - KEITH FULCHER
AMBULANCE REPRESENTATIVE - TOM CHAPMAN
HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE - MICHAEL ENZMANN
FIRE REPRESENTATIVE – TOM CHAPMAN
HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER - KEITH FULCHER
ROAD AND BRIDGE LIAISON – JOEL KNUTSON
NOXIOUS WEED INSPECTOR - KEITH FULCHER
ASSESSOR - ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SEXTON - JOEL KNUTSON
CARETAKER - JOEL KNUTSON
TREASURER - ELLIE BRUNNER
CLERK - PAT CHAPMAN
PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR - PAT CHAPMAN (AWAIR)
DEPUTY CLERK – OPEN

The nominations were closed. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to approve the nominations, seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Fulcher made a motion to appoint Keith Aho as School Forest Liaison with the Northwood's School. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

The designated depositories are: First National Bank of Cook and Cook Area Credit Union.

The official publications are the Cook News Herald and the Timberjay.

Daily rental for residents of the township for the Field Town Hall will be \$20.00. per day with a \$20.00 refundable damage deposit. A \$20.00 utility rate will be charged October 1 – May 1. No charge if the group is a local community oriented organization. Board approval will be required for additional uses. The clerk or supervisor will give hall user instructions, checking the hall before and after. The "Little Fork Church" cemetery building is also available for rental during summer months for \$20 per day plus \$20 refundable deposit.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman to accept the language. Seconded by Chairman Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Fulcher for the following payroll amounts:

Meetings – full day (more than 4 hours) \$120

Meetings- half day (4 hours or less) \$60

These fees apply to committee work and meetings for the township.

Board meeting- \$75

Mileage- \$10

The general hourly wage and election judge wage is \$15 or as mandated by law with the hourly executive rate \$20 per hour. The cemetery caretaker hourly wage is \$17.

Treasurer's Salary - \$250 monthly. (\$3000 yearly)

Clerk's Salary - \$450 monthly (\$5400 yearly)

Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Chairman made a motion to continue to provide \$750 allowance for insurance coverage for each township board member, hospital representative, clerk, and treasurer to be used as deemed appropriate by recipient. Seconded by Chairman Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously.

The township will abide with the currently published federal rate for mileage. (\$.56)

Chairman Fulcher made a motion to donate \$1500 for the maintenance of the Cook Community Center. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion carried unanimously. .

Chairman Fulcher attended the St. Louis Assoc. of Townships meeting. Information was shared by county assessor Sipila about the current requirements of the Local Board of Appeal and

Evaluation. The MAT Short Course will be held in March and April via Zoom. Rep. Stauber will speak at the Annual Meeting on May 26.

.The next regular board meeting will be April 13, 2021, 7 p.m. at the Clerk's residence.

The Board of Appeal will be at the town hall May 4, 2021 from 11 am – 12 noon.

Mike Enzmann had received a call from a resident who was displeased that Field Township relied on electronic communication when internet service is very poor in the township. She would like to see minutes published in the local paper. The Clerk will call the resident and discuss the issues with her.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment time 8:34 p.m.

Chairman Keith Aho

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date