

MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Fulcher at 7:03 p.m., March 17, 2022 at the Clerk's home (9998 East Lind Rd. Angora).

Present: Supervisor 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 8, 2022 were read and a motion was made by Supervisor Chapman for approval, seconded by Supervisor Knutson, motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were read and will be approved at the 2023 annual meeting.

Correspondence:

1. St. Louis County Auditor
2. City of Cook
3. Mn. Assoc. of Townships
4. Josh Antus
5. Art Unlimited
6. MN LTAP
7. Lake Country Power
8. Cook News Herald
9. Timberjay
10. Schaff Logging
11. St. Louis County Assessor
12. St. Louis County Fair
14. St. Louis County Planning and Dev.
15. Ferrell Gas
16. City of Cook Library

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 158,383.97 Ending Balance: \$167,177.10

Receipts: \$61,799.41 Plus Outstanding Checks: \$637.42

Disbursements: \$53,006.28 Total Per Bank Statement: \$167,814.52

Motion made by Supervisor Knutson, seconded by Supervisor Chapman 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 the Care Center has 4 empty beds due to staffing shortage. The contract with Northland Anesthesia Associates is being discontinued. The flooring project is nearly complete. There were record breaking patient volumes from August to year end. Cemetery- Supervisor Knutson will work on information to get bids to install windows. Joint Powers Board –

Report given at Annual Meeting.

Planning and Zoning – A letter was shared with information about an amendment to Ordinance 60.

Hall- There was discussion about the remodeling - the building might need to be lifted and insulation added to the floor. Chairman Fulcher and Jay Brunner will get information about an engineer to inspect the building. There was also discussion about internet access at the hall and possibly an internal alarm to

alert if heat is off. It was suggested every fall make sure the LP gas tank is filled..When the bill from the plumber is received the clerk will check if insurance will cover the expenses incurred when the heat was off.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Treasurer Brunner gave the oath of office to re-elected Clerk Pat Chapman and re-elected Supervisor Tom Chapman.

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

ASSESSOR - ST. LOUIS COUNTY

SEXTON - JOEL KNUTSON

CARETAKER - JOEL KNUTSON

TREASURER - ELLIE BRUNNER

CLERK - PAT CHAPMAN

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR - PAT CHAPMAN (AWAIR)

NORTHWOOD’S SCHOOL FOREST LIAISON -KEITH AHO

DEPUTY CLERK – OPEN

The nominations were closed. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to approve the nominations, seconded by Chairman Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously..

The designated depositories are: First National Bank of Cook and North Star 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.

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 \$18 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 the recipient. Seconded by Chairman Fulcher. Motion carried unanimously. The township will abide with the currently published federal rate for mileage. (\$.58.5) The resolution to reestablish precincts and polling places was adopted which reestablishes the boundaries of the voting precincts and polling places as Precinct 1, Field Town Hall, 1627 Highway 25, Cook, Mn 55723. The entire township is included in Precinct 1.

The next regular board meeting will be April 12, 2022, 7 pm at the Field Town Hall. The Board of Appeal will be at the town hall May 3, 2022 from 11 am – 12 noon. Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment time 8:32 p.m.

Chairman Keith Fulcher Clerk Pat Chapman Date