

MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The meeting was called to order at the Clerk's residence at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Keith Fulcher, Tom Chapman, Joel Knutson, Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann, Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Clerk Pat Chapman, School Forest Liaison Keith Aho via zoom and township resident, Elizabeth Chapman.

The minutes of Field Township's board meeting held March 16 ,2021 were read and stand as noted.

Correspondence:

1. St. Louis County Auditor
2. Art Unlimited
3. MAT
4. Lake Country Power
5. Cook News Herald
6. St. Louis County Envir. Services
7. Ferrel Gas
8. Northwood's Hardware
9. Distinguished Trophy

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 130,673.81	Ending Balance: \$117,717.81
Receipts: \$4,709.13	Plus Outstanding Checks: \$152.52
Disbursements: \$17,665.13	Total Per Bank Statement: \$117,870.33

treasurer's report, claims and net pay distribution report. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – Supervisor Chapman reported on the January 2021 ambulance information he received. There were 25 calls, one was in Field. There are 15 EMTs , 11 are active, nine First Responders, 6 active.

Fire- No report.

Road and Bridges –Supervisor Fulcher reported he requested the county grade the township roads. But so far no action, all the area roads need grading.

Hospital – Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported PPP loan forgiveness will occur in March. A strategic planning conference is planned for 4th qtr 2021 to discuss what to do about low patient volumes. The hospital is in compliance with pay equity between men, women and persons of different\\ races or any other factor. COVID – 19 PCR testing is fully functional.

Cemetery – Supervisor Knutson purchased a label machine and is doing a ground probe. He also has 55-60 reference markers for measuring.

The township will plant a tree with a marker at the cemetery to honor Field resident Willard Pearson who recently passed away.

Joint Powers Board – School forest liaison Keith Aho reported money is being requested from IRRRB for the parking lot and tree planting is still on the schedule.

Planning and Zoning – Clerk Chapman had received information on a Conditional Use Permit for Fred Denn for an RV campground. The board had no objections and the clerk will notify the county .

Hall- The hall will be inspected in May.

Old Business- Elizabeth Chapman reported Paul Bunyan got the contract for broadband in Cook and the survey work Field Township did help that process. NTD was awarded the contract for parts of Field Township but there are concerns they can complete the work. As of April 5 they have not presented a plan to the state or federal government. If they submit a plan and it is approved they have seven years to

finish .If the plan is not approved the bids are open again and the contract can be awarded to another provider. And even within the seven year period if NTD is slow we can lobby for another provider. She suggested letters be written to Rep. Ecklund and Stauber stating we are concerned about NTD fulfilling their contract. Field Township has worked hard with Paul Bunyan and and we are sure they could do the work.

Clerk Chapman contacted a resident who had questions and sent her the annual meeting minutes. New Business- Chairman Fulcher and Supervisor Knutson virtually attended the St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships meeting. Supervisor Knutson also virtually attended the new office's MAT short course.

Supervisor Chapman virtually attended the legislative, cyber security and fire workshops of the MAT short course. It was stressed for fire to know the services provided, know your needs and ask questions. There is rampant fraud in the cyber world. It is important to update your computer software. Individuals should reach out to their legislature and make known their concerns and opinions.

Chairman Fulcher presented a plaque to Keith Aho commemorating his 39 years of service to the township. Those in attendance thanked him for his leadership and expressed appreciation that he will still be involved with the school forest project and as a valuable resource. Chairman Fulcher will arrange with the Cook News Herald to take a photo for the paper.

The Board of Appeal will be May 4, 11-12 at the town hall. The May 11 board meeting will convene 5:30 pm at the Field Cemetery, followed by road inspection and will reconvene at the Clerk's residence Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Fulcher

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date

