

Minutes of Field Township’s Regular Board Meeting July 12 , 2022 Page 1

The Field Township regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Fulcher at 7:00 pm at the Field Town Hall. There was prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Knutson, Chapman, Fulcher, Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Clerk Pat Chapman, Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann.

The June 14, 2022 board minutes were read. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman to approve the minutes as corrected. . Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

1. Lake Country Power
2. Vitta Excavating
3. St. Louis County Public Works
4. City of Cook Fire/Amb. Dept.
- 5 MATIT
6. St. Louis County Auditor
- 7 Dutchman Tree Service
8. All American Title
9. Art Unlimited
10. A1 Rental

Treasurer’s report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Bal: \$ 136,845.72	Ending Balance : \$121,651.40
Receipts: \$0	Outstanding Checks \$0
Expenses: \$15,194.32	Bank Balance \$121,651.40

Motion made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson to approve the treasurer’s report, net pay distribution report and authorize payment of claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – Supervisor Chapman shared a May 2022 report. 27 calls were reported, 2 in Field. As of May there are 12 EMT’s, 7 are active. 5 EMR and 4 are active.

Fire – Supervisor Chapman shared a May training update -search and rescue work was done with full smoke conditions, most of the area dry hydrants in the area were flushed, and a propane live burn was conducted. Grants and other organizations contributed to these events.

Roads and Bridges - Supervisor Knutson reported South Riddell road is up to date in care. A resident cleaned up debris which could have hindered snow removal. He will check on financial aid from storm damage on the Neva Road. Also, there is debris to be cleaned up there and overhanging trees which should be cut. A motion was made by Chairman Fulcher , seconded by Supervisor Chapman to get the information about the work that needs to be done and get a quote.

Hospital -Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported he is up for election in November. The staffing situation is critical. There are severe staff shortages in all departments. An income increase was reported due to covid cases and covid grant revenue. A reduction in Care Center loss due to lack of staff and residents.

Cemetery - Supervisor Knutson reported Dutchman Tree Service did a very good job cutting trees and taking care of stumps and roots. Two urns were buried and some lilac bushes were cut.

Joint Powers- The rental for the portable restroom unit at the school forest was paid.

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Hall- Supervisor Knutson reported the water heater was not on, there was no gas flow and the gas tank was low. He will call Ferrell Gas.

Broadband - An article was reviewed about LTD Broadband who was awarded a contract to service parts of the township with broadband. Their application is still being reviewed and until it is reviewed no money will be given for the project. It seems things are at a stand still until this is resolved.

Elizabeth Chapman had communicated via email with a representative from the RAMS organization. The board felt RAMS did not work much with townships.

Old Business – None.

New Business –Clerk Chapman announced the primary will be August 9 10 am - 8 pm at the town hall. Chairman Fulcher made a motion to approve election judges taking on line training at \$11 per judge and also each would receive \$18 per hour for the two hours taking the training. Seconded by Supervisor Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution was also passed appointing election judges who are trained.

The clerk announced the next regular board meeting will be August 16 2022, 7 p.m., at the Field Town Hall because of the August 9 primary. .

Supervisor Knutson made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Chapman Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Fulcher

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date: