

Minutes of Field Township’s Regular Board Meeting August 16 , 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, Northwood’s Principal John Vukmanich and Gunnar Brunner.

The Joint Powers Agreement with Northwood’s School was discussed first. Principal Vukmanich gave a history of the school forest:Two yrs. ago a 1.5 mi. trail was roughed in by a teacher (Rick Pierce) and the DNR. Two winters ago the area was logged and the pencil popples took over. The trail needs brushed and reopened. The forester from the Cook office who was helping with the project is gone but a new forester from the Tower office lives by the school now and is interested in the project. Thistledeew Camp might provide workers to brush the trail this fall. The trail needs markers. Principal Vukmanich hopes that the school construction class will build a privy. And gravel will also be needed on the trail. The initial plan to get a DNR grant did not materialize. As it stands now Field Township owns the land, the school develops the school forest and funding is public. There is \$8,122.49 in the escrow account which Field Township manages from logging the property. Presently the money is used to pay for renting the satellite toilet near the proposed new trail head at \$150.33 per monrh.

Principal Vukmanich will discuss the project with the school board and hopefully find a teacher who will take the lead. Chairman Fulcher will touch base with the Principal in the fall to check on progress and a budget from the school board. There was discussion about a contest to name the trail and approaching IRRR for money to maintain the trail.

The July 12, 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. All American Title
3. St. Louis County Public Works
4. Maki Signs
- 5 MAT
6. St. Louis County Auditor
- 7 Dutchman Tree Service
8. Cook News Herald
9. Art Unlimited
10. Northwoods Hardware
11. Timberjay
12. Peter Glowaski

Treasurer’s report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Bal: \$ 121,651.40	Ending Balance : \$174,395.13
Receipts: \$61,746.48	Outstanding Checks \$329.69
Expenses: \$9,002.75	Bank Balance \$174,724.82

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.

Correspondence -

It was discussed the county has no blight ordinance. It is left up to townships.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – No report

Fire – No report.

Roads and Bridges - Supervisor Knutson reported South Riddell Road is in good shape.

He sent correspondence to the county with photos of the storm damage on Neva Road caused by the June 20th storm. He also had a quote from Dutchman Tree Service to clean up damage on the road. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to proceed with the tree removal and accept the quote , seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Hospital -Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported there are continuing staff problems. Service Master is being hired to do cleaning. Care Center has 22 residents.

Cemetery - Supervisor Knutson reported the church is being rented August 19 for a memorial service. Trinity Lutheran Church will hold services there September 11. He will continue to try to find someone to fix the windows

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Hall- Supervisor Knutson asked about getting a larger LP gas tank. After discussion, Supervisor Chapman made a motion to allot up to \$200 to change out the tanks, seconded by Supervisor Knutson., Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Knutson removed some benches and wooden partitions from the hall which were no longer needed. He will check prices of carts to hold the folding chairs.

Broadband - None

Old Business – None.

New Business –Treasurer Brunner announced she will not run for election in March.Clerk Chapman announced the next board meeting will be September 13, 2022 at the hall. Supervisor Knutson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Chapman Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Fulcher

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date: