

Minutes of Field Township's Regular Board Meeting January 10 , 2023 Page 1

The Field Township regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the clerk's residence. There was prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Knutson, Chapman, Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Clerk Pat Chapman, Deputy Clerk

Tim Chapman, Supervisor and Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to appoint Supervisor Enzmann as chairman. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried. Supervisor Enzmann accepted the position.

The December 13, 2022 board minutes were read. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman to

approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

1. City of Cook
2. MAT
3. St. Louis County Lands and Minerals
4. Paul Bunyan
5. MATIT
6. Election Source
7. Cook News Herald
8. A1 Rental
9. Jesse Kostreba
10. Timberjay
11. Northwoods True Value
12. St. Louis County Auditor
13. Art Unlimited
14. Cook Library
15. MN LTAP

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Bal: \$ 183,880.57 Ending Balance : \$182,883.76

Receipts: \$1,365.70 Outstanding Checks \$79.26

Expenses: \$2,362.51 Bank Balance \$182,963.02

Motion made by Supervisor Knutson, seconded by Supervisor Chapman to approve the treasurer's

report, net pay distribution report and authorize payment of claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – Supervisor Chapman and Deputy Clerk Chapman attended the January 9, 2023 ambulance

meeting in Cook. A new ambulance is ordered to be delivered in 18 months. There are seven new

responders. In 2022 there were 281 calls, 18 in Field. The ambulance dept. has been successful in getting grants.

Fire – Supervisor Chapman and Deputy Clerk Chapman also attended the fire department meeting

January 9. There were 52 calls, 10 in Field. Twenty three members are in the department.

Currently the

township pays \$20 per capita. The fire department is considering doubling that to meet expenses. There

will be another meeting on February 27 to discuss this.

Roads and Bridges - Supervisor Knutson reported he received an email from the MN Dept. of Public

Safety stating they hoped to have the state disaster worksheet processed for Field Township in 90 days.

Hospital -Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported staffing is still a problem. Care Center is at

20 residents (28 capacity) due to lack of staff and high cost of travelers. The Hospital Auxiliary held

their annual Christmas bazaar with a profit of \$2000 which was donated to the hospital activity fund.

Legislation passed at the end of 2022 which affected the hospital - delayed \$5 cut to Medicare payments

scheduled for 2023 to 2025 and reduced the Medicare 4.5% physician payment cut to 2%.

Cemetery - Supervisor Knutson reported the new windows are in the church. They will need painting

and caulking outside in the spring. He will make a decision about the final work needed then.He will

also attempt to find out the value of the floated glass that was replaced. There was discussion about an

open house at the church possibly in the spring or summer. Supervisor Knutson will be in charge of a

burial of ashes over Memorial weekend. Also, the clerk will check on increasing the insurance coverage

for the church and the hall.

Joint Powers Board - There is a new principal at Northwoods. Supervisor Knutson will contact her.

Planning and Zoning – The board had no response to the sale of state tax-forfeited land in the township.

Also, there was no objection to reissue the Minnesota Pollution Control wastewater permit to the Northwood's School.

Hall- The current insurance coverage was discussed. Chairman Enzmann will look into getting a flat

screen for the hall.

Broadband - Elizabeth Chapman will arrange a meeting with IRR and Paul Bunyan to discuss broadband

for Field Township.

Old Business – No report

New Business - Deputy Clerk Chapman gave a report on updates for the township website.

Correspondence was received from the city of Cook which invited a participant from the townboard to

be a member of a Joint Airport Zoning Board. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to appoint Chairman

Enzmann to the position. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried. Chairman Enzmann

accepted the position and will contact the city of Cook.

Clerk Chapman will discuss the role of weed inspector with Julie Grahn.

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The next board meeting and board of audit will be February 14, 2023 at the Chapman residence.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Knutson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mike Enzmann Clerk Pat Chapman Date: