

**MINUTES OF FIELD TOWNSHIP'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING and Board of Audit**

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The meeting was called to order at the Clerk's residence at 7:00 p.m. There was prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors Chapman, Joel Knutson, Chairman and Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann , Clerk Pat Chapman, Treasurer Ellie Brunner and Deputy Clerk Tim Chapman.

The minutes of Field Township's board meeting held January 10 ,2023. were read and a motion to approve made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- 1 . Cathy Larson
2. Art Unlimited
3. MATIT
4. St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships
5. Lake Country Power
6. MN Pollution Control
7. St. Louis County Election Division
8. St. Louis County Planning and Dev.

Treasurer's report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Balance: \$ 182,883.76 Ending Balance: \$176,199.53

Receipts: \$877.95 Plus Outstanding Checks: \$203.03

Disbursements: \$7,562.18 Total Per Bank Statement: \$176,402.56

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

The 2022 statements of receipts, disbursements, balances and CTAS Schedule 1 were given by Treasurer

Brunner. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson to accept the

year end financial reports. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman

to accept the following transfers out of the General Fund:

Road \$18,100.00 Hall \$5700.00

Fire \$8300.00 Ambulance \$5200.00

Cemetery \$5500.00

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For a total of \$42,800.00. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Enzmann made a motion to recommend the following levy of \$62,000 for 2023 payable in

the year 2024 at the Annual Meeting:

General \$16,000

Road \$7,000

Fire \$19,000

Ambulance \$6,000

Cemetery \$6,000

Hall \$8,000

Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – No report

Fire- Supervisor Chapman and Deputy Clerk Chapman reported on the two fire meetings they had with

Harold Johnston, Gary Albertson, and fire department representatives. The 2023 budget numbers were

discussed. The department is requesting a per capita increase from \$20 to \$40. They also hope to have

fundraising efforts. Supervisor Chapman made a motion to approve the township pay the increase to \$40

and also to increase the amount to \$45 if the other townships agree to that amount. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously. Another fire meeting with all the townships will be

held February 27, 2023.

Road and Bridges – Supervisor Knutson reported more gravel will be needed for South Riddell.

Cemetery - Supervisor Knutson reported the outside of the church windows will be done in the spring.

There was discussion about more fill needed to enlarge the cemetery and will be a topic for the May

cemetery inspection.

Hall - Supervisor Knutson reported LP was ordered again for the hall. The hall entrance was shoveled

and everything was fine inside. He made a motion seconded by Supervisor Chapman to increase the

insurance coverage on the hall and cemetery church from \$100,000 to \$250,000. The payment would

increase by \$1522.

Hospital – Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported the pharmacy audit was conducted and was

accurate. Staffing is still a problem. The garage is roughed in and will be completed when the snow is

gone. The health fair will be in September. Theresa Martinson will be the hospital rep. from Angora.

The federal health emergency will be over May 11.

Joint Powers Board – Supervisor Knutson reported he introduced himself to the Northwood's school

principal as a contact for the school forest.

Chairman Enzmann reported he is officially a representative for Field Township on the Joint Airport

Zoning Board. Existing zoned areas at the Cook Airport and proposed zoning does impact land within

Field Township boundaries on the east side.

Planning and Zoning – Correspondence was received from the St. Louis Planning Dept. concerning

amendments to Ordinance 61 for subsurface sewage treatment systems. The board had no objections.

Broadband- Elizabeth Chapman has not heard from the IRR about a broadband meeting.

Old Business- None

New Business-Clerk Chapman presented a resolution to accept the election judges as presented by the

clerk (Dawn Simpson, Tim Chapman, Joel Knutson ) and others who are trained if needed to serve at

the annual election and also as an absentee ballot board if needed. Resolution carried unanimously.

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Deputy Clerk Chapman reported on the St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships meeting he attended

virtually on January 25, 2023. A Better in Our Back Yard presentation promoted development of natural

resources in the area. St. Louis County Public Works Commissioner Nelson addressed concerns about

expediency of plowed roads. Monetary and workforce limitations have created challenges for the department.

The annual election will be March 14, 2023 4:30 pm - 8 pm at the Field Town Hall with the annual

meeting to follow. Alternate weather date March 21.

The re-organizational meeting will be March 21 , 2023, 7 pm at the town hall. Alternate weather date

March 28.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mike Enzmann Clerk Pat Chapman Date: