

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Ford Town Board  
October 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

1. Present: Katie Kerr, Kim Johnson, Doug Bassett, Edna Cole and Sarah Berry. Citizens present: none
2. Set and Approve Agenda: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the agenda with the following additions and corrections: Under Old Business add Census and Swanson Land Sale update,. Under New Business add: Northern Technology Initiative, Road Sign on 340<sup>th</sup>, Kanabec County Township association, and Oro Institute Land Split. Move County Wide Signage, 2008 Budget, Menard Land Split, and Road Mileage Certification to New Business. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Review and approval of minutes—M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the September Minutes with the following changes: Change Fire Service agenda item to Fire Department.
4. Treasurer's report—Clerk and Treasurer, Berry and Cole, both presented Cash Control Statements that showed they balanced with each other. M/S/C by Kerr and Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Carried unanimously.
5. Review and Approval of Claims for payment—M/S/C by Bassett and Kerr to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Payroll checks #1912-1920 totaling \$814.69; claims #6250-6260 paid by checks 1921-1929 and automatic withdrawals eft 73&74 totaling \$1252.44.
6. Citizen Comment. --none
7. Old Business
  - a. North TH 65 Corridor Coalition—The Kanabec County portions of the 65 corridor are being discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October in Cambridge.
  - b. Road and Bridge—No update on the Snake River Bridge guard rails at this time. Doug will review future road projects and write up a report for the board.
  - c. Fire Department Open House—no update
  - d. Planning Commission—Table the planning commission discussion until later in the meeting.
  - e. Snake River State Forest Motor Designation—No update
  - f. Swanson land update—The sale was denied by the county at this time because it did not meet the county's stipulations for land sales to the DNR. The county board will relook at the sale at the next meeting.
8. New Business.
  - a. Countywide Signage—The County is looking into a Pilot Sign Project with MN DOT. This project would hire a firm to look at the roads in the county for correct signage, reflectors, etc. Cost for the township is based on the road mileage within the township. M/S/C

- by Johnson and Bassett to enter into the agreement with the county to participate in the signage program. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Census—Kim will bring the census information to the Planning Commission and if this is a tool that would help with the zoning etc., we will submit the necessary information to get started in the process.
  - c. Kanabec County Township association meeting—Kim talked at the meeting about the North TH 65 Corridor Coalition and encouraged other townships to become involved. The county has applied for a grant for the 911 signage and hopes that will go through. Gladys encouraged the association to let the townships know who is going to MAT trainings so they can pass information on to other townships that might not be able to send anyone. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of October. Johnson and Kerr recommended that we change Ford Township meetings those months so that all board members could attend the Association meetings.
  - d. Northern Technology initiative—Information provided on Seed grants and information on ECRDC revolving loan fund.
  - e. Menard Land Split— An exemption certificate was received allowing a land split on Brian Menard's Property. Certificate was signed by Kerr and returned to Fred Holm's Office.
  - f. Oro Institute Land Split—An exemption certificate was received allowing a land split on property owned by the Oro Institute. Certificate was signed and returned by Johnson.
  - g. Road Mileage Certification—Doug will fill out and return the 2007 road mileage certification. In 2007 the township maintained 11 1/8 miles of road.
  - h. Road sign on 340<sup>th</sup>—Lucking property. M/S/C by Bassett and Kerr to have a blind approach sign put up before the Lucking Residence if cost is under \$100. Motion carried unanimously. Berry will inform them of the sign.
  - i. 2008 budget—Board was given the 2008 budget to review.
9. Return to Planning Commission Discussion—A draft of the comprehensive plan was brought by Johnson to the board. Discussion was held as to who should make corrections, etc to the plan. Kerr will work on making a clean copy of the plan.
  10. Mail—Reviewed by the board.
  11. Adjournment—Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by:

Sarah Berry, Clerk of Ford Township