

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:00 p.m...

Present were: Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Dean Johnson and Brian Hilgardner

Agenda: Terry Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda with the Snow Removal Policy added to Old Business. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting Minutes: Terry Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on December 22, 2015, Planning Commission meeting on January 5, 2016 and Park and Rec meeting on January 11, 2016. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Treasurer Report: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Terry Holmes seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Visitors: James Poppins and Mike Lawrence, at Oakwood Knoll Addition, discussed building a 5' to 6' pond on their lots. Brian will look at the plans and forward them on to Dee McDaniels, shoreland, and Mark Weibel, JPO. Mark and James will pay the fees incurred to the Township.

Two Deputies stopped in and reported that there are suspicious people reported wondering around. Residents need to keep their doors locked.

Bills to be paid: Terry Holmes made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$309,300.97. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff reported that they are flooding the ice rink. The trails are clean.

Park & Rec

Terry requested from Brian a trail map and a map of the soccer field area.

Bolton & Menk

Discussion was held on the Erickson Farms invoice. Terry Holmes made a motion to have Jamie, Brian and Jeff look over the invoice and pay what we feel is right. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Old Business: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to increase the two full time employees wages 3% and the two supervisors 5%. Terry Holmes seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Snow Removal Policy with the correction that Empire Township will not repair damaged sod. Terry Holmes seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

New Business: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Resolution approving a LUP for a pedestrian trail in the right-of-way of Trunk Highway 3. Terry Holmes seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the resolution for the application for a Fiscal Year 2016 Dakota County CDBG funding after Terry calls to clear it up. Terry Holmes seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer