

Empire Township Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 7:14 p.m...

Present were: Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Denise Williamson, and Brian Hilgardner

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board interviewed two candidates for the Park and Rec Commission. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to have Jessica Boelman join our Park and Rec Commission. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Empire Township Organizational Meeting was opened. Discussion was held. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to accept the list after adding Jessica Boelman to our Park and Rec Commission. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on March 14, 2017, minutes of the continuation of the Town Board Meeting on March 18, 2017 and Planning Commission meeting on March 21, 2017. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$ 75,288.25. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff reported he got a bid of \$8,500 for cleaning the water tower inside and out. They will use divers cleaning.

Street sweeping will be April 5th and flushing will start April 10th.

If weather permits, they will work on the ballfields within the next couple weeks. The bathrooms are scheduled to open May 15th. A couple porta-potties will be ordered for by the fields.

Park & Rec

Discussion was on rental of the Public Works building by the hour and the decision was no. Also, we will not be renting out the Public Works building on Holidays.

Bolton & Menk

Brian reported that MNDOT projects for Empire Township are delayed until 2019.

Brian met with 2 representatives from Met Council and Bob from DNR regarding the drainage issue along 190th Street. Met Council will help with the 5 beaver dams on their property. This should help some. If not enough, then we will need to cut a ditch.

Old Business:

The Board approved the spring clean-up flyer.

New Business:

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 400-A amending Ordinance No. 400 section 6.21 D. 1. Sign provisions. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the MN Cambodian Buddhist Society CUP Amendment to allow a gateway. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held with Jerry & Lina Schultz regarding dirt bikes in Mixed Residential District.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer