

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2016**

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

**Present were:** Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Jill Parkins, and Brian Hilgardner

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on May 24, 2016, Planning Commission meeting on June 7, 2016 and Park and Rec June 13, 2016. Jamie Elvestad 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.

**Visitor:** County Commissioner Mike Slavik stopped in and updated empire on the Solar Moratorium. No building in wetlands. Mike informed us that Dakota County has appointed Matt Smith as the county's new manager. Mike is now on the Fair Board.

**Bills to be paid:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$ 98,763.81. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Committee Reports**

**Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges**

Jeff HinceElainemc

reported that roads are being graded. A resident reported a watermain break on Cabrilla Court. Water usage has skyrocketed.

It was brought up that the Town Hall parking lot needs to be crack sealed and seal coated.

**Bolton & Menk**

Brian Hilgardner opened the Annual Public Information Meeting on the Township's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. Empire sends out quarterly published articles. We have ongoing street sweeping. Our mapping is updated. We have waste bags in and along our parks and trails. In the future we will have our outfalls inspected. The stormwater ponds will be inspected in the next 3 years and we will get sediment checked for contaminants. With Jeff doing erosion control inspections, that has improved.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the SWPP permit and have Brian submit it by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian Hilgardner reported that KJWalk has until June 20<sup>th</sup> to get the punch list complete. We won't release the Letter of Credit until we get the warranty bond of 125%.

Terry Homes made a motion that if KJWalk has not taken care of the punch list by Jun 20, 2016, we will start the process to collect their Letter of Credit. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten made a motion to have Adam send KJWalk an invoice for the \$23,387.50 for the bituminous wear course. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Old Business:**

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve URSA Access Road Use Agreement. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**New Business:**

DJ Elvestad presented his appraisal for 3285 197<sup>th</sup> Street W..

Discussion was held with Pat Mason, Ames Construction for their IUP. Further discussion will be held at the time of the overall site IUP. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Site Preparation Interim Use Permit for Ames Construction, Inc.. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Zoning Ordinance – 410 VV amending Ordinance No. 410. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Kathy will send AT & T Lease Agreement termination letter to Adam.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

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Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

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Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer