

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes
July 26, 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, and Brian Hilgardner

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda with adding Oak Leaf Solar and D.C. Collaborative to New Business. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on July 12, 2016, Planning Commission meeting on July 19, 2016 and Park and Rec July 25, 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.

Visitors: Olufemi Fajolu came to question his water citation. Due to his lack of understanding the water ban, the Board dismissed it.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$28,447.70. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff reported that maintenance was clearing the brush along the trails. They have been busy grading the roads after Hwy 3 closure and heavy traffic on Biscayne. They have the bulletin boards up for disc golf and at the Town Hall Park.

Park & Rec

Park and Rec are ordering new shirts.

Bolton & Menk

Brian reported on his MNDOT meeting on Trunk Hwy 3 speed, 170th Street etc... MNDOT is finding grants. They would like Empire to do the leg work for the grants. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to have Bolton & Menk do the study but not to exceed \$10,000.00. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business:

KJ Walk renewed their letter of credit for one more year. When Empire has the top coat completed, they will pay the bill.

New Business:

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve election judges for August 9th primary election: Cecile Brand, Joy Bester, Marilyn Briesacher, Duane Snesrud, Mark Page, Ruth Holmes, Jill Parkins, and Kathleen Krippner. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten made a motion to have Oak Leaf Solar start their project subject to: Letter from Dakota County on shoreland approval, we receive the road bond and Stormwater bond, Brian's requirements are met and they have their permits from Ron that they need. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Toro Company's CUP amendment to build a 52,000 sq. f.t building. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Terry Holmes made a motion to accept Apple Valley comp plan change contingent on Dean's approval. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten agrees that Empire will be the fiscal agent for the Dakota County collaborative. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer