

Empire Township Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:01 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.

Meeting Minutes: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on August 8, 2017, Planning Commission meeting on August 15, 2017 and Park and Rec August 14, 2017. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Bills to be paid: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$69,085.07. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

The driveway access permit will go to the Planning Commission for review.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to accept Paul Henry's resignation. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Jeff, Jamie and Kathy will be in charge of setting up an ad for hiring.

Park & Rec

Mike Carey came in to discuss trees for the ballpark and the disc golf course. Ed gave Jeff a list of trees that might work for the disc golf course.

Bolton & Menk

Brian presented the Board with a letter to residents and a study of the drainage area around Castle Court and Carmel Trail. Ed Gerten made a motion to accept the letter to be sent out to residents on Castle Court and Carmel Trail. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Brian will send a letter to Al Full, Met Council and DNR that we are holding off for now on the drainage ditch along 190th Street.

Old Business:

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the JTN Structure Lease Agreement with the changes. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion that Empire would release the escrow for lot 3 of Mark Elliot Homes. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Jamie and Ron noted several violations and items that need to be addressed.

New Business:

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the amending and renewal of the 5-year IUP for Fischer Sand & Aggregate for mineral extraction on the southeast ¼ of Section 5 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8. The proposed mining permit amendment/renewal will involve approximately 133 total acres of operations areas lying south of 170th Street. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the Zoning Map amendment, Ordinance 400-B, corresponding with the 5-year IUP for Fischer Sand & Aggregate. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Interim Use Permit for Minnesota Solar Connection for a one megawatt wholesale solar energy on Ag Industries Parcel off of Biscayne Ave... Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer