

**Empire Township Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2017**

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, Dean Johnson 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 September 12, 2017, Planning Commission meeting on September 19, 2017 and Park and Rec September 25, 2017. 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: Quentin Aldana, 19272 Castle Court, strongly stated that he would not go along with the drainage project for Castle Court residents. After a heated discussion, Jamie Elvestad made a motion to pull the project. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Brian will send a letter out to the residents. The project will be reviewed next spring.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$13,527.97. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Sewer and water is going good. The flow meters were checked in right on.

Roads are being graded and the trees are being trimmed on the minimum maintenance road.

Spray patching is complete for this year on the trails.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the hiring of Jerod Waltman for the maintenance position. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Park & Rec

Park and Rec will meet with the Farmington boy's baseball and the Farmington girl's softball committee in November to discuss the concession and lights.

Bolton & Menk

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve Ordinance No 350-B WRMO. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resource Strategies

Dean reported that Ecoplexus (Feely 5 megawatt solar garden) had turned in their civil plans, electrical plans and their storm water management plans for the project. Bolton and Menk approved them. The Planning Commission recommended a decommissioning plan for \$25,000 per megawatt bond and a road bond of \$50,000 from a reputable Minnesota Company. When the bonds are turned in, they may start with the driveway and leave some equipment at the site. The trees that were planned for the north edge of the project are to be planted along the west side.

Old Business:

Employee reviews will recess until next meeting.

New Business:

Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the Interim Use Permit for Dakota Community solar One, LLC. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Interim Use Permit for FastSun 19, LLC. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to renew the current health insurance plan. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Empire will not be impacted from the Lakeville's Comp Plan Amendment. Empire has no comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer