

# **Munson Township Board of Supervisors**

## **July 15, 2024**

July 2024 monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM by Chairman Joe Willenbring

### **Present**

Chairman: Joe Willenbring

Supervisors: Butch Gertken, Matt Burg

Clerk: Kathy Hemmesch

Treasurer: Dick Behnen

P&Z Chairman: Orville Willenbring

**Motion by Burg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gertken to approve minutes from June 2024 meeting.  
Carried 3-0**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income \$254,588.91 Expenses \$48,016.18 \$663,543.41 in Money Market and CD's. **Motion by Gertken, seconded by Burg to approve Treasurer's report.  
Carried 3-0**

- Jodi Nelson property owner on Big Lake would like the township to consider a variance to have two temporary campers on the site within the 100' lake setback. Their attorney has been in contact with Stearns County and Bob Ruppe, Attorney for Munson Township for direction and clarification of the existing Township Zoning Ordinance regarding recreational campers. Since the parties received violation notices from Stearns County in 2023, the Board would like to contact Stearns County for additional background information before moving forward.
- Tim Evens and Mitch Torborg, Bio Gas Co explained the maintenance site and building they are working to construct in NE ¼ Section 22 off State Hwy 23. Purpose is for an injection site to process purified gas from manure.

Stearns County has issued the conditional use permit. A building permit application for the structure is pending.

- Richmond American Legion, Mike Peart, Post Commander and Al Gertken were present at the township request to discuss the lease for the Legion to rent the Township Hall for their monthly meeting. Meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month except March which is when the township election and annual meeting are held. A 5-year lease agreement with \$140/month rent will be drawn up for review at the August Township Board meeting. Any additional meetings or events will be by completing the Township Hall Rental Application and paying the rental fee and damage deposit.
- Discussion on the water run-off from the ditch filled with dirt and seed by the property owner at 20785 Fruitwood Road. A letter will be sent to the owner giving them 60 days to clean out the ditch allowing for proper drainage followed by an inspection by a Township official. If not completed in the allotted time, the township will hire a contractor to complete the work and the bill will be sent to the owner with the option to pay in full or assessed on their property taxes.
- Further discussion on the drainage issue in the West Ashton plat Block 1, Lot 29 is getting water in their basement and feels it is due to the culvert and pond behind the property. Willenbring was in contact with Chelle Benson, Stearns County Environmental Services. The following documents are on file: Letter dated October 12, 2011 from the engineering company, Stantec Consulting Services on the findings of their Topography/Project Review of the West Ashton Plat. November 26, 2014 Memo from Chelle Benson to Stearns County Board of Commissioners stated: “Based on the information provided by the engineer it appears that the house was constructed at or below the normal water elevation, out of compliance with Subdivision Agreement for West Ashton. The language withing the Subdivision Agreement is as follows: The bottom floor elevation for residential dwellings on certain lots must be one foot above ground water table or redoximorphic features or installation of an engineered groundwater drainage system.”
- 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – complaints about the potholes in the tar and broken tree branch hanging over the road causing damage to vehicles. Butch Gertken will

fill the potholes and said that the property owner wants to move his fence before the branches are cut.

- Received a request if the township could address the unkept property and overgrown weeds at 20287 Edgeton Court. The Clerk will send a letter to the owner.
- Gertken reported the updates for the Chain of Lakes Fire Department noting a \$10,000 donation from Cold Spring Granite for the burn unit training project.

### **Review and pay bills**

- Motion by Burg second by Gertken to pay bills.

9:45 PM motion by Burg second by Gertken to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Hemmesch, Clerk

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