

**THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 21, 2012 7:30 P.M.**

Attendance

Chair	Doug Wille
Supervisor	Donna Otto
Supervisor	Bob Leifeld
Clerk	Jeanne Werner
Treasurer	Leo Nicolai

This meeting was called to order by Doug Wille, Chair at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, using the consent agenda with the exception of approving the claims.

A motion was made by Bob Leifeld and seconded by Donna Otto to approve the routine items on the consent agenda and to approve the balance of the agenda with the exception of the claims. Motion was unanimously passed.

Bob Leifeld made a motion to accept the minutes from August meeting, seconded by Donna Otto and unanimously passed.

The minutes and the Treasurers report were signed.

A motion to approve the claims number 4552 to 4560 was made by Donna Otto and seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed. Checks were signed.

Dave Fischer from Buell Consulting was present on behalf of Verizon Wireless for approval to erect a cell phone tower on Don Halepeska's land which is located on 222nd Street Hampton. The tower will be 199 feet in height and will be 200 feet away from his residential property. Dave presented the plans to the board and explained the distant from property lines. This land is Agricultural and not in Ag preserve program. The down payment for a public hearing is \$1000.00 and will refund the money back that is not used. Dave also asked if there is a permit for a driveway. The driveway is not coming off a county road so there is no need for a permit. The driveway to the tower is coming off Don's private driveway. No permit is required. **A motion was made by Doug Wille, seconded by Bob Leifeld to grant a public hearing on March 20th at 7:00 pm before the next board meeting. It was unanimously passed.**

ROAD REPORT

Jason had a list of trees and brush that he recommends to be removed. He currently does not have pricing but will have that ready for the next meeting. The signs were all put up. Angel Weiland was present and mentioned that by her driveway on Lewiston Blvd, there is a danger sign missing so Jason will see if it is still in the ditch and will replace if needed.

The board discussed the request of a quote for rock and hauling. They discussed the need for a deadline so it doesn't interfere with the chloride. They discussed the amount of rock they will be able to apply this year. They have requested the clerk to advertise for a rock quote for 6,000 ton with the hauling. **A motion was made Bob Leifeld, seconded by Doug Wille for advertising for 6,000 ton of hauling with a deadline of June 15th. It unanimously passed.**

Road Contract for the township was up for renewal on April 1, 2012. The board has requested the clerk to advertise for a quote for a road contractor for 28.8 miles in the township. **A motion was made by Bob Leifeld to advertise for a quote for a road contractor, seconded by Doug Wille and unanimously passed.**

PLANNING COMMISSION

Al & Beth Bester requesting land to go into the Metropolitan Agricultural Preserve for the following parcels: 17-0100078010, 17-010005010, 17-0100031010, 17-0100076010 for a total of 182.26. **A motion was made by Doug Wille, seconded by Donna Otto to approve the application for Al & Beth Bester. It unanimously passed.**

Doug Wille was going to talk to Rick Gerster on the 3 acres of land the township owns regarding the use of the land. He will report back to the board after the discussion with Rick.

Doug and Bob were both at the Special Cannon Valley Rural Fire Association meeting. They are unsure at this time if we should continue to be in the organization. They (leaders) will be talking to the City Administrator to see where they are at with it. They are unaware at this time the figures the Cannon Falls district will be costing the district for the fire protection. Leo stated that it is based off evaluation. He thought maybe if we had that figure, we could compare it to Randolph/Hampton Fire. In the spring of 2013 is when our fire contract is up for renewal. We have approached the Association in the past year to extend our boundaries with Hampton/Randolph Fire Protection but was unable to break our contract without penalty. The Association had a savings account they used as a cushion in case the rates went up. In 2010, the Association recalculated the rates and adjusted them for there was an over payment in the prior year so in 2009 (\$11,567.00), 2010 (\$4244.00) and we paid \$8806.00 for 2011. The Hampton/Randolph Fire Protection cost the township \$20,611.00. Bill Tix was present and mentioned that the Association would barter with the Cannon Falls Fire on a rate for all the local townships. He feels that without the association, the township would have been paying a lot more. He felt that if the each in township would have to go to the Cannon Fire, they would not have as much power as they did with the Association. The smaller fire departments don't have the tax base like the larger cities have. The board would like to research the tax base evaluation from Gloria at Dakota County for the different fire districts. Doug feels that the money coming into the township is not going up and he will ask to see how they calculate the rates. It was stated that the two Fire districts are about 50% Cannon and 50% Hampton/Randolph but unsure of the of the tax base on each portion.

On March 17th will be the Annual Dakota County Township Officers Meeting in Farmington starting in 9:00 a.m. The Spring Short Course will be March 20th in Rochester and March 21st in Mankato.

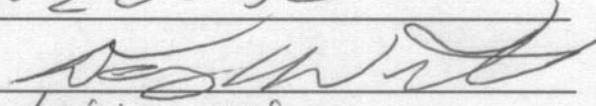
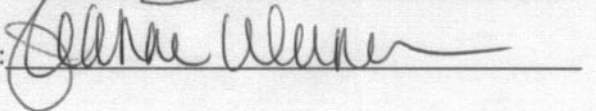
Bill Tix approached the board to renew a "Future Buildable Certificate". The resident no longer needs to renew the certificate once it has been issued. The certificates should be changed so there is no expiration date on it. **A motion was made by Doug Wille, seconded by Bob Leifeld to renew the future buildable certificate with no expiration date. It unanimously passed.**

Angel Weiland was present at the meeting wondering the future activity in the gravel pit located on Goodwin Avenue. She stated that the pit was sold and was wondering since it has been inactive for so long, if the board can shut it down. Doug stated that our attorney advised us that we can't make them get a permit but have to follow the ordinances. The attorney stated that our mining ordinance is comprehensive. Angel was questioning the depth of the holes and feels it is in the water table. Donna stated that it is all graveled out and there is on clay left in the pit. Angel has made numerous calls, one being EPA and they stated that it is a township issue. Bob feels that we can force them to get a permit since there is a new owner of the pit. Grandfathering started when the ordinance were put into place. Donna thinks we need to get the planning commission researching this and then give us suggestions to the board. Bob thinks we should ask our attorney Troy if we can force them to get a permit for the operation, not for the pit itself. Leo stated that the ordinance book can be interpretation in different ways. Doug feels that we there is nothing we can do since we had this issue in the past and that is what the attorney had advised. We will be contacting our attorney regarding this issue.

Doug Wille made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Donna Otto. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeanne Werner, Clerk
Hampton Township

Date Signed: 3-20-12
Doug Wille, Chair: 
Jeanne Werner, Clerk: 

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT
March 20, 2012 (February 2012 Business)

BEGINNING BALANCE: **\$200,132.50**

INCOME:

Dakota County – 2 nd half del. Tax	\$9973.19
Account Interest	<u>15.89</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$9989.08

EXPENSES:

Otte Excavating – Jan. Rd. Work	\$2342.00
Cannon Falls Beacon – Legal Ads	73.25
D. Kimmes – 2011 Cemetary Upkeep	595.00
Citizens Bank MN – March Rent	485.00
Randolph/Hampton Fire Dept. – 2012	\$20,611.00
Kennedy & Graven – Attorney – Zoning	105.00
North Cannon River WMO – 2012 Dues	3,001.34
CNS Solutions – Jan. Website	107.45
Scott Harris – Computer Work (laptop)	82.50
Century Link – Jan. Phone	82.45
Bank Service Charge	<u>9.63</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$27,494.62


CHECKBOOK BALANCE **\$182,626.96**

Checks No in: (3) \$24,207.34

Balance per 2-29-2012 Bank Statement \$206,834.30



Doug Wilfe, Chairperson 3-20-12
Date



Leo Nicolai, Treasurer 3-20-12
Date