

## **Empire Township Meeting Minutes October 13, 2015**

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 & 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 22, 2015, Planning Commission meeting on October 6, 2015 and Park and Rec September 28 and October 12, 2015. 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:** The Farmington Sno-Tigers requested renting of the Public Works building for their Special Needs Ride on February 6, 2016. Jim Haef, the chairman, gave a little talk explaining how they work with the special needs people to give them snowmobile rides. They will have a certificate of Insurance for Empire and they do registrations and have the participants sign a waiver. The DNR, Sheriff and Fire Dept. will be there. Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the rental. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Deputy Sheriffs checked in. Reminded them to patrol the Providence area. Still receiving complaints on speed.

George Maverick checked in. He is working on the driveway issue. Discussion was held on parking lot lights.

**Bills to be paid:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$80,490.96. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges**

Jeff reported that 170<sup>th</sup> Street is finished and looking good.

They are flushing water hydrants this week.

Well #3 is running. They had wire issues and telephone communications issues.

The lights in the ballfields are fixed.

Erickson's are tiling the ballfields. Monday they hope to get into the back yards. The guys are spraying for thistles.

**Park & Rec**

For the 2016 ballfields schedule it was decided that it would remain youth. There would be no adult softball except Dew Days Tournament. Discussion was held on a storage building by the ballfields.

**Resource Strategies**

Dean discussed with the Board 190<sup>th</sup> Street Road Agreement with Geronimo. He went over the decommission plan that Sun Edison turned in.

There will be a Variance hearing October 27 for 3316 205<sup>th</sup> Street at 8:15. We will then go over the Fee Ordinance and the Public Utility Ordinance.

**Old Business:**

The Board looked over the options for Empire's Health Insurance renewal and decided to stay with the same package.

Discussion was held on the revocation of roads agreement. Empire would like a JPA for road maintenance for snow and a timetable. Dean will talk with them.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to repeal Ordinance 250-A – Late Night Parking. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board agreed to participate in Met Council's Community Solar Gardens.

**New Business:**

City of Farmington – Comp Plan Amendment – No impact  
City of Apple Valley – South Shore Comp Plan Amendment – No Impact  
City of Apple Valley – North Shore Comp Plan Amendment – No Impact

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

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Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

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Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer