



1886 photo Franconia Train Depot, Franconia, Minnesota

In the early 1880's, the residents of Franconia Township came together for the future of their community. Instead of continuing to receive their mail via horse and buggy or word of mouth, they instead chose to provide public infrastructure accessible via the proposed Franconia Depot at milepost 17 on the railway.

The investment would improve the lives of the residents and the business community by providing Franconia Township a depot for transport, a mail stop and access to a telegraph line.

Residents of Franconia Township have a similar opportunity today.

This past January 2019, a group of Franconia citizen pioneers was formed to put in motion the process to bring a 21st century fiber optic network to rural Franconia Township. Taking advantage of state-wide grants funding up to 45% of the infrastructure. Our 21st century pioneers are attempting to blaze a trail to provide reliable affordable internet with speeds up to 1000 up/1000 down, television and telephone services to all residents of Franconia Township.

Thank you for your time and participation in this Township conversation!



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Franconia Township Fiber Connection Packages

GOLD* \$162.35/month

Package includes:

- 250Mbps/250Mbps High Speed Internet
- Digital TV Entertainment Package
- Big Value Tier TV Package
- High Definition
- DVR
- Ebill & Autopay

SILVER* \$131.35/month

Package includes:

- 100Mbps/100Mbps High Speed Internet
- Digital TV Entertainment Package
- Local Phone Service & Features
- Ebill & Autopay

Telephone features include Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling, and Speed Dial.

BRONZE* \$121.35/month

Package includes:

- 100Mbps/100Mbps High Speed Internet
- Digital TV Entertainment Package
- Ebill & Autopay

SKITTER TV* \$81.95/month

Package includes:

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES



INTERNET SERVICES*

Internet Only - 1 Gig	\$150.00
Internet Only - 500M	\$100.00
Internet Only - 250M	\$85.00
Internet Only - 100M	\$50.00
Wireless Router Service	\$7.95
Tech Home	\$5.95
Tech Home Plus	\$9.95
Support	\$14.95



PHONE SERVICES*

Local Phone	\$14.95
Voicemail	\$3.50
Inside Wire Maintenance	\$1.95

*Prices reflect per month price



TV SERVICES*

Skitter	\$31.95
DVR	\$9.95
Whole Home DVR	\$3.00
HD Channels	\$9.95
Digital Set Top Box	\$4.95
Big Value Tier	\$10.95
HBO Movie Pack	\$16.95
Cinemax Movie Pack	\$13.95
HBO/Cinemax Movie Pack	\$22.95
Showtime Movie Pack	\$14.95
Showtime/The Movie Channel Pack	\$17.95
Starz!/Encore Movie Pack	\$13.95

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Q: What is this project for?

A: This past January 2019, a group of Franconia citizen pioneers was formed to put in motion the process to bring a 21st century fiber optic network to rural Franconia Township. Taking advantage of state-wide grants funding up to 45% of the infrastructure. Our 21st century pioneers are attempting to blaze a trail to provide reliable affordable internet with speeds up to 1000 up/1000 down, television and telephone services to all residents of Franconia Township.

Q: What company is offering to provide this upgraded service?

A: CTC (Consolidated Telephone Company) a Minnesota based co-op. They are based in Brainerd, MN and have been around since May 19th, 1950.

Q: What is the cost of this project?

A: The estimated project cost is \$3.3 million.

Q: How is this getting paid for?

A: This project is at zero cost to Franconia Township as a government. This is a grass roots effort being led by citizens of Franconia Township. There are three funding pieces for this project. Potential state grant funding, some form of tax funding TBD, and CTC is investing as well.

Q: What services will CTC offer with this upgraded fiber network?

A: High speed internet up to 1000Mbps Up/1000Mbps Down, Digital TV and Telephone

Q: What is the monthly cost for internet service through CTC?

A: Please refer to pricing sheet attached to this packet

Q: When is the project scheduled to start?

A: If all funding goes through this year then CTC will start construction Spring of 2020 and be complete by the Fall of 2020.

Q: Will this fiber network bring me any other benefit other than the three services offered?

A: Yes, besides CTC competitive pricing model residents can expect up to a 3.1% increase in home value for having fiber to the door.

Township of Franconia, Minnesota
Estimated Tax Impact
 July 9, 2019

BOND ISSUANCE INFORMATION	
Bond Issue Amount	\$1,705,000
Number of Years	19
Average Interest Rate	3.23%
Estimated Bond Rating	S&P AA-
PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION	
Actual Net Tax Capacity - Payable 2019	\$2,132,549
Debt Levy @ 105% - Average	152,417
Estimated Tax Capacity Rate:	
Payable - 2019 Without Proposed Bonds	32.590%
Payable - 2019 With Proposed Bonds	39.737%
Estimated Tax Rate Increase	7.147%

TAX IMPACT ANALYSIS								Tax Increase is for Debt Service Only*		
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Market Value Exclusion	Taxable Market Value	Net Tax Capacity	Current Township Tax	Proposed Tax Increase ^a	Proposed Township Tax	Annual	Monthly	Daily
Residential Homestead	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 300	\$ 97.77	\$ 21.44	\$ 119.21	\$21.44	\$1.79	\$0.06
	75,000	30,000	45,000	450	146.66	32.16	178.82	32.16	2.68	0.09
	100,000	28,240	71,760	718	233.87	51.29	285.15	51.29	4.27	0.14
	125,000	25,990	99,010	990	322.67	70.76	393.44	70.76	5.90	0.19
	150,000	23,740	126,260	1,263	411.48	90.24	501.72	90.24	7.52	0.25
	175,000	21,490	153,510	1,535	500.29	109.72	610.01	109.72	9.14	0.30
	200,000	19,240	180,760	1,808	589.10	129.19	718.29	129.19	10.77	0.35
	225,000	16,990	208,010	2,080	677.90	148.67	826.57	148.67	12.39	0.41
	250,000	14,740	235,260	2,353	766.71	168.14	934.86	168.14	14.01	0.46
300,000	10,240	289,760	2,898	944.33	207.10	1,151.42	207.10	17.26	0.57	
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 488.85	\$ 107.21	\$ 596.06	\$107.21	\$8.93	\$0.29
	200,000	-	200,000	3,250	1,059.18	232.28	1,291.46	232.28	\$19.36	\$0.64
	300,000	-	300,000	5,250	1,710.98	375.23	2,086.20	375.23	\$31.27	\$1.03
	400,000	-	400,000	7,250	2,362.78	518.17	2,880.94	518.17	\$43.18	\$1.42
	500,000	-	500,000	9,250	3,014.58	661.11	3,675.69	661.11	\$55.09	\$1.81
1,000,000	-	1,000,000	19,250	6,273.58	1,375.83	7,649.40	1,375.83	114.65	3.77	
Apartments (4 or more units)	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 814.75	\$ 178.68	\$ 993.43	\$178.68	\$14.89	\$0.48
	300,000	-	300,000	3,750	1,222.13	268.02	1,490.14	268.02	22.33	0.73
	500,000	-	500,000	6,250	2,036.88	446.70	2,483.57	446.70	37.22	1.22
Agricultural Homestead **	\$ 150,000	\$ 23,740	\$ 126,260	\$ 1,263	\$ 411.48	\$ 90.24	\$ 501.72	\$90.24	\$7.52	\$0.25
	400,000	23,740	376,260	2,513	818.88	179.58	998.44	179.58	14.98	0.49
	500,000	23,740	476,260	3,013	981.81	215.32	1,197.12	215.32	17.94	0.59
	600,000	23,740	576,260	3,513	1,144.76	251.05	1,395.81	251.05	20.92	0.69
	800,000	23,740	776,260	4,513	1,470.66	322.52	1,793.18	322.52	26.88	0.88
1,000,000	23,740	976,260	5,513	1,796.56	393.99	2,190.55	393.99	32.83	1.08	
Agricultural Non-Homestead (dollars per acre)	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 15	\$ 4.89	\$ 1.07	\$ 5.96	\$1.07	\$0.09	\$0.00
	2,000	-	2,000	20	6.52	1.43	7.95	1.43	0.12	0.00
	2,500	-	2,500	25	8.15	1.79	9.93	1.79	0.15	0.00
Seasonal/Recreation Residential	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 325.90	\$ 71.47	\$ 397.37	\$71.47	\$5.98	\$0.20
	200,000	-	200,000	2,000	651.80	142.94	794.74	142.94	11.91	0.39
	300,000	-	300,000	3,000	977.70	214.41	1,192.11	214.41	17.87	0.59
	400,000	-	400,000	4,000	1,303.60	285.89	1,589.49	285.89	23.82	0.78

* The figures in the table are based on taxes for new bonded debt only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the state Property Tax Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net tax effect of the bond issue for many property owners.

SAVE the DATE
Thursday September 5th
2019

Starting at 6:00pm



Free Community Dinner
and
Educational Event