

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Clerk Kathie Headley called the annual town meeting, held in the Town of Scandia Valley in the County of Morrison and the State of Minnesota; at the town hall on the 10th day of March 2015 to order at 7:30 p.m. Mike Rosvold was chosen to preside as Moderator at the meeting by motion of Al Card, seconded by Rick Headley. The motion carried.

The moderator, at the opening of the meeting, asked Clerk Headley to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. John Snell made a motion to accept the minutes as read. John Marsh seconded the motion and it carried.

A motion to waive the reading of the claims was made by Rick Headley. John Snell seconded the motion and it carried.

Clerk Headley read the annual financial report. John Snell made the motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Denny Bell and carried.

Clerk Headley read the board of audit minutes. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Headley and seconded by Jack Welsh. The motion carried.

The following four places were determined and designated by the residents present as the most public places in said Town for the posting up of legal notices and suitable posts for such purposes: The town hall, the Refuse & Recycling Center, Lincoln Gas & Bait, and the corner of 350th and CR1. Motion made by Merv Dickson, seconded by Harriet Rassler. The motion carried. It was requested that notices also be posted on the website.

In lieu of a written report, Dale Borgstrom started by asking all the residents to thank Arnie Akkerman for his years of service to the township. Dale continued with the reiteration that the annual meeting is the "Residents' Meeting" where they make the decisions regarding the town. Dale explained that the year-end balances should not be misconstrued as surplus funds. Those year-end balances are needed to operate the township for the next six months, as the town receives no tax revenue until late June. Dale then went on to explain the Good News/Bad News for the township during 2014. Starting with the "Bad News" the town quite a few unexpected expenses which included the collapse of the Lincoln Hills retaining wall, water and culvert problems on 20th Avenue, the need to repair the salt/sand shed, the purchase of a Dodge Ram 5500, a new bush hog, a new lawn tractor, and a new well for the fire department. The "Good News" is that the town received a Homeland Security grant to offset the road and bridge repairs for \$22,062.00. Major work on Lakeview Drive is planned for 2016. The thoroughfare retaining wall problems and the corduroy piece of the road problems will need to be addressed as a part of the project. The remainder of the road will probably be milled which will be used as part of the road base before resurfacing. Fish Trap Lake Drive is the next project planned after Lakeview. The town will continue to patch annually. Crack sealing is also done annually for about half of the township roads. Approximately one third of the reflectivity signs are left to purchase and install. The town also needs to look at the need to replace one or both of the plow trucks at an approximate cost of \$60,000.00 for a good used truck.

On motion, it was ordered that the following sums of money be raised by tax upon the taxable property in said Town for the current year:

For General Fund	Motion by Rick Headley	2nd by Terry Sandstrom	\$ 70,000.00
For Road & Bridge Fund	Motion by Ian Newkirk	2nd by Rick Headley	400,000.00
For Fire Fund	Motion by Merv Dickson	2nd by Denny Bell	45,000.00
For Fire Truck Fund	Motion by Mike Lahr	2nd by Rick Headley	30,000.00
For Cemetery Fund	Motion by Rick Headley	2nd by Harriet Rassler	5,000.00
For Town Equip Fund	Motion by Rick Headley	2nd by Denny Bell	45,000.00
For Park Fund	Motion by Jackie Lahr	2nd by Rick Headley	10,000.00
For Refuse & Recycling	Motion by Kathy Schwark	2nd by Rick Headley	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Levy			<u>\$613,000.00</u>

On motion, it was resolved that the gopher bounty remain at \$2.50 per pair. Motion made by Harriet Rassler, second by Denny Bell. The motion carried.

Chuck Schiemo, seconded by Merv Dickson, made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Scandia Valley First Response. The motion carried.

Russ Nygren, seconded by John Snell, made a motion to approve the Morrison County Animal Humane Society contract. The motion carried.

A donation request for the Crisis Line and the Staples Motley Grad Blast was denied in a motion by Russ Nygren, seconded by John Marsh. The motion carried.

The process adopted by the board regarding locking the main door was discussed. The residents confirmed that the process is working well.

Closing 80th Avenue between the Lastovich driveway and the Lutheran Cemetery was discussed. Steven Lastovich has sent a letter to the town board addressing his concerns. Eric Nelson would like better maintenance on that section of the road if it is not closed. No decisions were made at the annual meeting regarding 80th Avenue.

The next Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Scandia Valley Town Hall on March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion made by Rick Headley, second by John Marsh. The motion carried. Chuck Schiemo asked that the annual meeting be posted on the signboard between the hall and the shop. Ron Nypan would like the meeting notice posted on the website.

On motion, the meeting adjourned without delay at 8:53 p.m. Motion made by Russ Neterval, second by Chuck Schiemo.

Attest: _____ Clerk