

Annual Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2008

The clerk called the meeting to order and we started with the pledge to the flag. The clerk called for nominations for moderator. Nominated was Gary Hart, Wayne Johnson moved for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Gary Hart with a second by Les Rotz and all approved.

The minutes from the last annual meeting were read by the clerk. Les Rotz moved to approve the minutes as read with a second by Aldie Kelsven called for the vote and all approved. Wayne Johnson moved that the treasurer only read a synopsis of the treasures report instead of all the checks with a second by Dave Kerr and all approved. A synopsis of the treasures report was read by Judi Hoadley. Les Rotz moved to approve the treasures report as read with a second by Doug Oksendahl and all approved.

Wayne Johnson spoke on the new fire hall contract and that our percentage would be less. There were 3 options suggested by the city and the town board informed the city that we would prefer option one where the new contract would be entered into retroactive back to January 1, 2008. We still have an outstanding contract for a fire truck for the next 3 years.

Wayne Johnson spoke on the web-site that there had been over 2000 hits this past year but the cost of the website would be more this year. About 95% of the public that attended the annual meeting uses the website.

Wayne Johnson moved to donate \$900.00 to the Otter Tail County Historical Society with a second by Les Rotz and all approved.

Les Rotz moved to donate \$100.00 to the East Otter Tail County Historical Society with a second by Doug Oksendahl, discussion was made. Dave Kerr stated that we should support this. Stuart Restad stated we should only support the government entities and only community support. Called for the vote the motion passed.

Mary Soehren moved to donate \$600.00 to the Pelican Rapids Library with a second by Kathleen Oksendahl and all approved. Other worth causes requested donations but no motions to donate to them were received.

Dennis Carlblom spoke on the road report and the upcoming road projects. The 5 year road plan is being revised at this time. He also spoke on Broadwater Drive and that a special assessment district would be set up and that the land owners are in the process of being notified.

Election Results:

Elections judges were Rick Lyon, Steve Bakken and Dennis Carlblom. There were 135 total votes 23 of which were absentee ballots. For supervisor Wayne Johnson received 72 votes and Les Rotz received 63 votes. For clerk Vicky Arntson received 62 votes and Aldie Kelsven received 73 votes.

Discussion was made to borrow money to fund the Broadwater Drive Project and that there would be a special assessment district set up for the repayment of the loan. Since the town board intends to borrow the money on a five year certificate of indebtedness, town approval is not needed.

Discussion was made on the renting of the town hall. Stuart Restad commented that the hall should be rented out to bona-fide organizations and some discretion be left up to the town board. Mary Soehren spoke that Cormorant rents all the time and why would you not want to rent it out. Philip Rotz stated that we should get our money back out and or make a little profit on the building. Stuart Restad moved that the town hall be rented to bona-fide organizations and not to deprived individuals and that the details be left up to the discretion of the town board with a second by Ross Seifert. Les Rotz stated that he felt that it should be opened to all citizens of the township. Called for the vote yes votes were 8 and no votes were 13. Wayne Johnson moved that the town hall be rented out according to the rental policy with the discretion by the town board with a second by Les Rotz. Discussion was made and all approved, motion passed.

Wayne Johnson spoke on the Scambler Cemetery. Stuart Restad moved to direct the town board to purchase or receive as a gift the land located in Section 27 of Scambler Township that is commonly referred to as the Scambler Cemetery for the purpose of establishing a township cemetery with a second by Wayne Johnson and all approved.

Mary Soehren moved to approve the budget as written with a second by Les Rotz discussion was made. Wayne Johnson said that the gravel tax should be signed by the governor and we should start seeing something from that in midsummer.

Les Rotz moved to not pass resolution #am 2008-01 (move the township election to the first Tuesday in November of even numbered years) with a second by Philip Rotz; discussion was made about the pros and the cons of moving the election, called for the vote 1 against and rest approved motion not pass resolution.

Old Town Hall: There were 2 proposals for demolition of the building. Les Rotz moved to re-advertise for the sale of the building or leave it up to the town board to decide what to do with the building with a second by Philip Rotz; called for the vote; 2 against and rest approved; motion passed.

Wayne Johnson moved that the next annual meeting be set for March 10, 2009 at 8:15 p.m. with a second by Les Rotz and all approved.

Les Rotz moved to adjourn the annual meeting with a second by Philip Rotz and all approved.

Unapproved Minutes

Vicky Arntson clerk

