

Scambler Township Annual Meeting Minutes March 13, 2007

The annual meeting was called to order by the clerk and we started with the pledge to the flag. The clerk called for nominations for a moderator. Greg Hayes was nominated for moderator, Wayne Johnson moved that nominations cease with a second by Dennis Carlblom and all approved. The minutes from the last annual meeting were read by the clerk. Arnie Cox moved to approve the minutes as corrected with the correction being to add the word township to the phrase volunteer building committee, with a second by Wayne Johnson and all approved. Wayne Johnson moved to read a synopsis of the treasurers' report with a second by Sue Seifert and all approved. Christy Shulstad read a synopsis of the treasurers' report; Wayne Johnson moved to approve the treasurers' report as read with a second by Les Rotz and all approved.

Les Rotz talked about some of the road work that had been done in the township. Arnie Cox commented that a good job was done on creating a 5 year road plan.

Wayne Johnson talked about the new fire hall contract and that our contract is good until December of 2008. There was a lot of discussion on the new fire hall and there was a question on whether the town board had followed through with the motions made at the last annual meeting such as the 20 year contract being signed. Wayne Johnson said that it was illegal for the townships to sign a 20 year contract and that the longest contract that could be signed would be a 10 year contract and that this was a state law. Arnie Cox commented that we do have a great fire department that is not the issues here it is the amount of the cost shares to the townships and about having a joint powers agreement with the fire department. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter. Les Rotz also gave numbers on what he had calculated to be the costs. Wayne Johnson said that Dunn was looking to find out how the townships felt on their letter to the city. Wayne Johnson brought forth a resolution for the fire coverage for discussion. Wayne Johnson suggested that we write a letter to the Pelican Rapids fire fighters on the great job that they do and that the issues is not with their services but with the cost share of the new fire hall. Sue Seifert moved that the town board reiterate to the fire department there good work and the great job they do and that the management problems are 2 separate issues with a second by Dennis Carlblom, called for the vote 1 abstained and rest approved. Dennis Carlblom stated that going with a resolution either way was not a good idea because there are negotiations being made with the townships right now. Les Rotz also agreed with that statement. Arnie Cox moved to direct the town board to enter into negotiations with the city of Pelican Rapids to pursue a joint powers agreement with the fire district and that the chairman of the town board would be the spokesperson, seconded by Sue Seifert, discussion was made. Wayne Johnson asked if a joint powers agreement was something that we could not get, what were the feelings of the citizens of Scambler Township of having an advisory board for the fire department? There was a great deal of discussion on this matter. Greg Hayes commented that we should know what is all involved in a joint powers agreement. Les Rotz made a motion to amend the motion to include the flexibility of allowing the town board to investigate the possibility of being part of a budget and advisory committee with a second by Gary Hart, discussion was made on the amendment, Dennis Carlblom asked to call for the question the motion was corrected and more discussion on the motion, called for the vote on the amended motion passed and the motion passed.

Wayne Johnson talked about the Scambler Township website and that over a 1 year period the website had over 3091 visitors compared to about 700 the year before and that the township would receive a bill for his time for the cost of \$651.48 for his time and renewal of the website.

Philip Rotz talked about the proposed new town hall and that we had received a bid under the \$95,000.00 that was approved last year at the annual meeting. He talked about some of the other things that were needed to complete the project such a well, septic, entryway, colored floor, apron on the entry and furnishing for the offices and meeting room. Dennis Carlblom made a motion to budget another \$20,000.00 for an entryway, colored floor, well, septic, cement apron and furnishings with a second by Sue Seifert and all approved.

Wayne Johnson suggested that we put in a holding tank with a good alarm system on it. Arnie Cox made a comment that he would like to see a good foundation under the building. The comments back were that it would be a good foundation under it with the floor heat being installed that there would be no problems with it. It was also commented that Philip Rotz and done a real good job on this project.

Results from the election: For supervisor, Les Rotz received 70 votes, Dennis Carlblom received 86 votes, for treasurer Judy Hoadley received 146 votes, Christy Shulstad received 1 vote, Linda Augustus received 1 vote, Connie McDaniels received 1 vote and there were 7 no votes. Total number of votes including the absentee votes was 156.

Donations: Wayne Johnson moved to donate \$900.00 to the Otter Tail County Historical Society with a second by Dennis Carlblom and all approved.

Wayne Johnson moved to donate \$100.00 to the East Otter Tail County History Museum with a second by Arnie Cox and all approved.

Arnie Cox moved to donate \$500.00 to the Pelican Rapids Library with a second by Sue Seifert and all approved.

Winnie Cox move to donate \$100.00 to the United Way with a second by Wayne Johnson and all approved.

Budget:

Fire Fund: Wayne Johnson moved to budget \$30,000.00 for the fire fund with a second by Sue Seifert and all approved.

Ordinary Fund: Wayne Johnson moved to set the budget for the ordinary fund at \$35,000.00 with a second by Sue Seifert and all approved.

Ambulance Fund: Wayne Johnson moved to set the budget for the ambulance fund at \$7000.00 with a second by Dennis Carlblom and all approved.

Building Fund: Arnie Cox moved to set the budget for the building fund at \$20,000.00 with a second by Dennis Carlblom and all approved.

Road and Bridge Fund: Wayne Johnson explained about the 5 year road plan and what the town board had felt was needed to do the roads in the township. Dennis Carlblom moved to set the budget for the road and bridge fund at \$135,000.00 with a second by Arnie Cox and all approved.

Arnie Cox made a motion that we put the question whether to move the town election to November on the ballot for 2008 with a second by Dennis Carlblom discussion was made and explained on how it would work, called for the vote and all approved.

Wayne Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Arnie Cox and all approved.

Unapproved minutes

Vicky Arntson clerk