



Annual Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018

Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

K. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of a Moderator: B. Schroeder elected T. Nelson as Moderator. R. Keller seconded. By a voice vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

Review and Approve the Agenda: B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Milles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduce the current Lent Township Board: T. Nelson introduced the current Town Board.

Rick Keller, Chairperson, Brian Seekon, Vice Chair, Troy Nelson, Carolyn Cagle, Lyle Johnson

Approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting: T. Nelson read the minutes of the 2017 minutes. B. Seekon made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes. D. Hardin seconds. 1 nay from the public. Majority rules, Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report-Financial Spreadsheet: Copies of the Board of Audit Report were posted for public review. D. Milles made a motion to approve the 2018 board of audit report. D. Stiers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduce Maintenance Staff/Maintenance Report: T. Nelson introduced the new Maintenance Staff and read the maintenance report. He noted the ROW work has started.

Planning & Zoning Report: B. Seekon said there is an opening on Planning Commission

Parks Report: T. Nelson noted the new play storefront and the pavers are in at the Park by the Town Hall. Lights and a swing set were added to Reiger field. Future plans include: youth football and soccer fields south of the maintenance garage.

Building Report: C. Cagle said painting has been done and she is going to upgrade the bathrooms to ADA standards. She noted she had a flooring sample for public viewing. She is going to replace the flooring throughout the hallway, kitchen and bathrooms. It is composite and will last a long time. They purchased a 20" self-propelled floor cleaner. She would like a smaller meeting room for rental opportunities. The rent has been raised \$100 for non-residents and \$50 for residents. The Hall is not rented for free. They are looking at enclosing the garbage cans and the parking lot is lit all night long.

Fire Department Report: T. Nelson introduced the Fire Department heads.

Road Report: T. Nelson said they put together a road committee and Dave Chelberg has done a lot of work on a presentation. Looking over the last five years, the Township has spent \$1.1 million maintaining gravel. D. Chelberg said he wanted to create a 25-year long term plan. T. Nelson said they have gone to seminars and they have looked at blacktop and double chip. They are trying to find a long-term cost savings. By doing hard surface, it would eliminate the need to purchase a new grader and chloride.

D. Chelberg explained the savings hard surfacing roads would be to the Township. T. Nelson explained what double chip seal was and answered questions from residents. There was discussion regarding borrowing money and T. Nelson said the bank told him 2.8 percent on a million dollars. D. Chelberg presented different funding options on the slide presentation. L. Johnson said it will increase taxes approximately \$90 per household if the levy is increased \$100k.

T. Nelson said it will be around \$1.5 million dollars to do the roads, but noted there are some roads they would not be able to do.

S. Dammann made a motion to approve **\$600k for the Road and Bridge levy**, blacktop/double chip seal the Township roads and approve the Town Board to bond/lend lease/borrow money as needed to complete the road projects. Second by D. Milles.

After discussion, S. Dammann amended his motion to put a \$2 million dollar cap on the money being borrowed to put hard surface on the roads. Second by J. Gordy. By a hand vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

TAX LEVY FOR 2019

Road and Bridge equipment: D. Milles made a motion to levy \$25k for Road and Bridge equipment. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Account: B. Seekon made a motion to levy \$175k for the Fire Fund. Dave Milles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Equipment Fund: D. Stiers made a motion to levy \$20k for the Fire Equipment fund. J. Simon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Building Fund: J. Sinna made a motion to levy \$5k for the building fund. D. Milles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks Account: S. Sinna made a motion to levy \$4,500 for the Parks Fund. J. Simon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

P & Z Fund: J. Gordy made a motion to levy \$0 for the P & Z Fund. Second by D. Milles. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund: L. Sinna made a motion to levy \$100k for the general fund. J. Sinna seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Contracts for Services: D. Milles made a motion to approve \$4,500 for contracts for services. D. Stiers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Gopher Bounty: J. Schroeder made a motion to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00 for 2019. L. Sinna seconded. By a hand vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

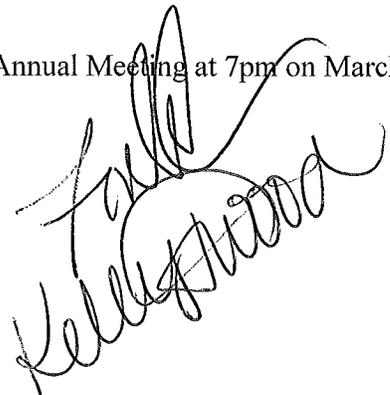
Publishing Lent Township Legal Notices: B. Seekon made a motion to use both ECM Post Review and Chisago County Press as legal publishing Newspapers. K. Klecker seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Date of the Regular Monthly Township Meeting: Motion made by B. Woods that regular monthly meeting of Township Board be held at 7:00 pm on third Tuesday of every month. J. Sinna seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Annual Meeting March 12, 2019: B. Seekon made a motion to set the next Annual Meeting at 7pm on March 12, 2019 at the Town Hall. J. Firkus seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

- Dave Milles said this is the best town meeting he has ever been to.
- Jeff Sinna said he likes the new flag outside.
- Brian Seekon said we have hard working Board members.
- Rick Keller thanked everyone for coming.



Adjourn Meeting: J. Sinna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. D. Milles seconded. By a voice vote, majority rules. Motion passes.