

Annual Meeting Minutes March 10, 2020

Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

K. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of a Moderator: D. Stiers elected R. Keller as Moderator. J. Manley seconded. By a voice vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

Review and Approve the Agenda: D. Chelberg made a motion to approve the agenda. D. Milles seconded. C. DuBose was added to the agenda for the County update. All in favor, motion carried.

R. Keller stated the purpose of the Annual Meeting and read the agenda.

Introduce the current Lent Township Board: R. Keller introduced the current Town Board.

Rick Keller, Chairperson, Brian Seekon, Vice Chair, Troy Nelson (absent), Carolyn Cagle, Lisa Sinna

County Report: C. DuBose reported on the following: focusing on broadband, a new EDA workforce study, staff retirements, radios and he is involved with the aquatic invasive species group.

Approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting: D. Milles made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes. B. Seekon seconds. All in favor, Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report-Financial Spreadsheet: Copies of the Board of Audit Report were posted for public review and R. Keller read the report.

Road Report: R. Keller said over 8 miles of road was hard surfaced in 2019.

Maintenance Staff/Maintenance Report: M. Fehrman said that the plow truck has had many issues and explained a lease to own option for a new one.

Planning & Zoning Report: E. Maass said they are updating the comp plan and explained they would appreciate community involvement.

Parks Report: R. Keller said they would like to put in a new soccer field across the street and the overflow parking will remain. He thanked S. Sinna for all of the upgrades to Swanberg Park.

Building Report: C. Cagle thanked Bernice Woods and said the new room is also in honor of Birdie Peterson. There have been a lot of requests for the space and we need more revenue coming in to do the bathrooms. The rental rates raised and there are no longer reduced rates for nonprofits.

Fire Department Report: T. Potrament introduced the Fire Department heads, read the report and talked about the new donated prop trailer.

TAX LEVY FOR 2021

Road and Bridge: D. Chelberg made a motion to levy \$500k for Road and Bridge. Second by L. Peterson. All in favor, motion carried.

Road and Bridge Equipment: D. Chelberg made a motion to levy \$55k for Road and Bridge equipment. D. Milles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Account: J. Schroeder made a motion to levy \$160k for the Fire Fund. L. Peterson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Equipment Fund: D. Chelberg made a motion to levy \$15k for the Fire Equipment fund. J. Schroeder seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Building Fund: L. Peterson made a motion to levy \$10k for the building fund. D. Stiers seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks Account: S. Sinna made a motion to levy \$0 for the Parks Fund. J. Manley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

D. Milles made a motion to lease a new plow truck with the 7-year plan. Second by J. Manley. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund: D. Chelberg made a motion to levy \$245k for the general fund. J. Schroeder 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 2021. L. Johnson seconded. By a hand vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

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

Next Annual Meeting March 9, 2021: L. Peterson made a motion to set the next Annual Meeting at 7pm on March 9, 2021 at the Town Hall. J. Manley seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

- M. Koran said he was glad to be in attendance. He said they are working on tax cuts for working families.
- D. Stiers said he attends most of the Board meetings and the Town is blessed with some good people who look out for the residents' best interest.

Adjourn Meeting: D. Milles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. L. Peterson seconded. By a voice vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

Clerk, Lent Twnshp., Chisago Co., MN Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public) My term is indeterminate