

**LENT TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016**

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by Clerk L. LeVasseur at 8:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nomination of Moderator

Clerk L. LeVasseur called for nominations for a moderator. D. Milles nominated R. Keller for moderator. R. Brown seconded the nomination for R. Keller. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve the Agenda

B. Seekon moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented by the clerk. K. Fusaro seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Introduce Current Township Board Members

R. Keller introduced the current Lent Township Board Members.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the March 10, 2015 Annual Meeting were provided for the public to review. D. Milles moved to approve the minutes as provided by the Clerk. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Contracts for Services

Family Pathways and New Pathways were in attendance to speak to the public about the services their organizations offer. After their presentations, B. Seekon moved to allow up to \$5,000 to be used for donations to non-profit contracts for services. D. Milles seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Board of Audit Report

A copy of the Board of Audit Report was posted for the public to view. L. Johnson read and explained the Treasurer's Financial Spreadsheet.

Roads

R. Keller reported on roads and noted the Hemingway rebuild project started in 2015. R. Keller noted that many of our asphalt roads need wear coats on them, which is very costly. The Township is looking to do possibly one mile of wear coat a year to catch up.

D. Milles noted that township has started a road committee meeting that meets on the first Monday of every month immediately after the Staff/Board Meeting.

Parks Report

S. Sinna reported on the new playground equipment at the town hall and noted that through donations from private residents as well as the Stacy Lions, we were able to install the playground equipment. R. Keller thanked S. Sinna for her very generous donation to the Parks playground in 2015.

Building Report

C. Cagle commented on town hall building updates and noted that sample paint colors are for the public to vote on. J. Manley volunteered to paint the hall. Kitchen updates include new shelving, microwave, warming oven and dishwasher. Stacy Lions will be

getting a new ice machine in the backroom that they have offered to pay 50% of. D. Milles noted that a Building Committee has been formed and that they are looking for ideas for hall updates.

Fire Department Report

Stacy Lent Fire Department Chief B. Schroeder reported on the fire department and total 2015 calls/runs. Three new fire members were hired. A third incident command vehicle was purchased. B. Schroeder commented on the Emergency Address signs that Lent Township will be placing which we hope to be paid through a 50/50 matching grant.

Tax Levy for 2017

R. Keller noted that the town board is proposing a 3% budget increase from 2014 for a proposed total of \$794,500. J. Manley moved to increase the budget to \$800,000. D. Milles seconds. After discussion, J. Manley withdrew his motion.

Road and Bridge Fund

Motion was made by R. Brown to levy \$400,000 for the road and bridge fund. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Road and Bridge Equipment Fund

Motion was made by R. Brown to levy \$25,000 for the Road and Bridge Equipment Fund, seconded by D. Hardin. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Fund

Motion was made by B. Schroeder to levy \$150,000 for the Fire Fund, seconded by B. Seekon. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Equipment Fund

Motion was made by R. Brown to levy \$25,500 for the Fire Equipment Fund, seconded by J. Manley. All in favor, motion carried.

Township Building Fund

Motion was made by B. Seekon to levy \$5,000 for the Township Building Fund, seconded by D. Stiers. All in favor, motion carried.

Park Fund

R. Keller thanked the Stacy Lions for their generous donations every month towards Park improvements. Motion was made by D. Hardin to levy \$4,500 for the Park Fund, seconded by C. Cagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Planning and Zoning

Motion was made by B. Seekon to levy \$10,000 for the Planning and Zoning Fund, seconded by D. Milles. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund

Motion was made by B. Randt to levy \$180,000 for the General Fund, seconded by B. Schroeder. All in favor, motion carried.

Gopher Bounty

Motion was made by B. Seekon to abolish the gopher bounty, seconded by D. Milles. After discussion, by majority vote, motion failed.

Motion was made by L. Johnson to set the 2017 Gopher Bounty at \$2.00. Both the front feet and tail are required for each bounty. B. Schroeder seconded. By majority vote, motion carried.

Publishing Lent Township Legal Notices

D. Milles moved to use both the ECM Post Review and the Chisago County Press as the legal publishing Township Newspapers. S. Sinna seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Dates of the Regular Monthly Township Meetings

Motion was made by B. Woods that the regular month meeting of the Township Board would be held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. B. Randt seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

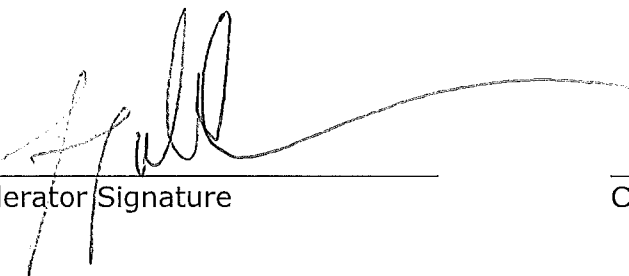
Motion was made by D. Milles that the regular monthly Staff/Board meeting of the Township Board would be held at 9:00 am on the first Monday of every month. R. Brown seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Annual Meeting

D. Milles moved to hold the next Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday March 14, 2017. R. Brown seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by B. Randt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Brown. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.



Moderator Signature



Clerk Signature

