

Annual Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021

Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

K. Wood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of a Moderator: D. Chelberg elected T. Nelson as Moderator. S. Olson seconded. By a voice vote, majority rules. Motion passed.

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

T. Nelson stated the purpose of the Annual Meeting and read the agenda.

Introduce the current Lent Township Board: T. Nelson introduced the current Town Board: Rick Keller, Chairperson, Brian Seekon, Vice Chair, Troy Nelson, Carolyn Cagle, Jess Eischens

County Report: C. DuBose reported on the following: taxes, lack of businesses in the area, trying to promote business in the area, levy increase, vehicles purchased, ordinance changes, broadband and future road projects.

Approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting: R. Keller made a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

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

Road Report: T. Nelson read the road report and talked about the 3 phase road plan for single chipping in 2021.

L. Anderson said that Karmel Ave. is a sectioned road and he would like it paved. C. DuBose is checking on County help with paving 302nd.

Maintenance Staff/Maintenance Report: T. Nelson said that swing away mailbox posts can be purchased, they need to be installed correctly and do not plow snow across the road.

Planning & Zoning Report: B. Seekon said that the Planning Commission is working on the Comp Plan.

Parks Report: T. Nelson said that the softball games are still happening at Reiger and Doyle.

Building Report: C. Cagle said that the non-resident rates have been adjusted and explained the upcoming hall projects. Rentals were down in 2020.

Fire Department Report: T. Potrament introduced the Fire Department heads, read the report and talked about the new prop trailer and pole barn. S. Olson is the new Assistant Chief and is a 4th generation fire fighter.

Broadband Report: J. Eischens explained that she is working on the broadband and there are more options for Lent residents.

TAX LEVY FOR 2022

Road and Bridge: D. Stiers made a motion to levy \$500k for Road and Bridge. Second by J. Schroeder. All in favor, motion carried.

Road and Bridge Equipment: B. Seekon made a motion to levy \$65k for Road and Bridge equipment. B. Schule seconded. By a majority vote, motion carried.

Fire Account: S. Sinna made a motion to levy \$160k for the Fire Fund. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Building Fund: J. Schroeder made a motion to levy \$15k for the building fund. B. Schule seconded. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

Parks Fund: S. Sinna made a motion to levy \$0 for the Parks Fund. J. Schroeder seconded. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

P & Z Fund: B. Seekon made a motion to levy \$0 for the P & Z Fund. Second by B. Schule. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

General Fund: M. Willcoxen made a motion to levy \$400k for the General Fund. J. Schroeder seconded. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

Contracts for Services: S. Sinna made a motion to approve \$0. Second by J. Manley. By a hand vote, motion failed. S. Dammann made a motion to approve \$4,500 for contracts for services. D. Stiers seconded. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

Gopher Bounty: J. Schroeder made a motion to set the gopher bounty at \$2.00 for 2022. S. Olson seconded. By a hand vote, majority rules. Motion passes.

Date of the Regular Monthly Township Meeting: Motion made by B. Seekon that the regular monthly meeting of Township Board be held at 7:00 pm on third Tuesday of every month. R. Keller seconded. By a majority hand vote, motion carried.

Next Annual Meeting March 9, 2021: B. Seekon made a motion to set the next Annual Meeting at 7pm on March 8, 2022 at the Town Hall. R. Keller seconded. By a majority hand vote, 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