

Approved Minutes of Annual Meeting March 11th, 2014

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Clear Lake Township Board March 11th, 2014, held at the Clear Lake Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by Clerk Mary Mathison. Those present were: Gary Gray, Bud Stimmler, Joe Goenner, T. VanderEyck, Paul Goenner, Mary Mathison, Larry & Deb Seeley, and Darrell & Barb Tucker. Pledge of allegiance was recited. Call for a moderator from the audience, Larry Seeley volunteered. Larry called for approval of the agenda. Paul Goenner made motion to approve the agenda, second by Gary Gray. Motion carried.

Clerk Mary Mathison read the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Larry Seeley called for approval of the minutes. Bud Stimmler made motion to approve the minutes, second by Larry Seeley. Motion carried.

Clerk Mary Mathison read the 2014 Board of Audit Meeting minutes. Larry Seeley called for approval of the minutes. Bud Stimmler made motion to approve. Second by Joe Goenner. Motion carried.

Clerk Mary Mathison then gave the election result. 22 votes were cast. 22 votes for Gary Gray with 0 write-in votes. Gary Gray was declared the winner.

Bud Stimmler gave the Clear Lake Township Park Report. Last summer, Bud installed a bench with Jack Gallagher's name engraved on it and also organized a dedication day that was held in memory of Jack Gallagher. Bud also planted Linden, Hackberry and Maple Berry trees in the park to add color in the Park. Bud plans to plant 10 Norway Pines in the Park this spring.

Paul Goenner gave the Annual Treasurers report with detailed explanations on how money was spent and received over the year 2013. Paul had a breakdown of the Proposed Budgeted Funds for taxation in the 2015 upcoming year which were the Road & Bridge fund to be set at \$240,000 and the General Fund to be set at \$210,000. Amounts would be allocated from the General Fund for Fire Protection to be set at \$92,000; Park to be set at \$7,000; and Clearwater Library donation to be set at \$2,000. Money to be put into a CD for building a new township hall in the future was discussed. The amount was not determined and will be discussed at the monthly Township Board meetings.

Therefore, the proposed levy for the year 2015 would be set at \$450,000. If the Levy needs to be increased or decreased, it would be at the Board's discretion. Deb Seeley made motion to approve the increase in the levy from \$435,000 to \$450,000. Eyk second. Motion carried.

Gary Gray gave the road report. Clear Lake Township currently maintains 31.50 miles of town roads. Review of the roads are done twice a year in the Spring and Fall. In 2013, the Town spent \$64,900.00 for seal coating of 69th Street, 43rd Avenue, 47th Avenue, 74th Street, 76th Street and 108th Avenue. \$2,128.40 was spent for road striping and \$69,339.20 for bituminous surfacing of 100th Avenue north of CSAH 8. Sign replacement has been in the process for over a two year cost of around \$45,000. This will bring the signs up to code and will last for 12 years.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization date is April 16th, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Clear Lake Township Hall.

Clean-Up Day will be held on May 3th, 2014 from 7:30 am to Noon.

Larry Seeley asked for input on the Gopher Bounty. Gary Gray made a motion to keep the bounty at \$2 for every two front feet. Joe Goenner second. Motion carried.

Official Newspaper: Motion by Gary Gray to keep the Sherburne County Citizen Newspaper of Becker as the official newspaper of the Township. Second was made by Joe Goenner. Motion carried.

Gary Gray asked for input on what the residents thought of creating to a Township History Book. It would take about three years to complete and would initially cost the Township money to create the book. The residents could then buy the book which would help reimburse the Township for the cost. Deb Seeley made a motion to have a History Book created for a cost of up to \$10,000 for three years. Eyk second. Motion carried.

The next annual meeting will be held on March 10th, 2015 at the Clear Lake Township Hall at 8:01 pm.

Deb Seeley made a motion to adjourn, second by Eyk, meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Mathison
Clear Lake Township Clerk

Following the Annual meeting the board canvassed the results of the election: 22 votes cast for Gary Gray, 0 write-ins.