

2011 Annual Meeting – Guthrie Township – Hubbard County

The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town of Guthrie, County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota on the 8th day of March, 2011. Russ Nickerson, Roger Corson, Michael Schmidt, John Kincs, Steve Rogers, David Johnson, Ivy Knoshaug, Tim Gladen, Rebecca Beevor, Dwight Powell and Amanda Lofthus were present. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Amanda Lofthus, and then followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

A call for a Moderator was issued. Russ Nickerson nominated Steve Rogers, Roger Corson seconded the motion. The Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk. Steve made the correction that Dan Rogers was named in error as John Rogers. After said correction, the minutes were approved by Stephen Rogers and seconded by Russ Nickerson. The Treasurer's Financial Report was reviewed and was approved as read. Ivy motioned to move Time Deposit of \$432.00+ back into General fund and close the account. Stephen seconded the motion.

Michael Schmidt gave the Road Report: approximately \$5600.00 was spent this year for road signs because of the mandated reflectivity standards. Only a few signs remain in need of replacement. Russ made a detailed road map that indicates where all signs and culverts are in the township. Ray Ball performed the roadside mowing. Gravel spread, rocks removed, a beaver dam was taken out. FEMA monies were spent on 245th Avenue. Russ motioned to approve the report, Roger seconded the motion.

Levies were set as follows:

General Levy: \$24,000 motioned by Russ, Russ amended to \$30,000, John Kincs seconded it. Motion carried

Road and Bridge: \$30,000 motioned by Joe, David seconded it. Motion carried.

Fire Fund: \$6,000 motioned by Dave, John Kincs seconded it. Motion carried.

Cemetery Fund: \$4,000 motioned by Russ, John seconded it. Motion carried.

Building Fund: \$3,000 motioned by David/John Kincs seconded it. Motion carried.

The people requested the use of the Building fund for lawn mower expenses. The mower is in need of a lower deck replacement this year, however, the entire mower will need to be replaced in the next year or two. The community is pleased with the new picnic shelter although it cost more than anticipated. They are debating to run electricity out there; to be possibly run out this summer. The board will set up plans in the near future for it's installment.

The cemetery rules and sign still need to be replaced. If any one wanted to donate to cemetery, we can point them in the direction of the landscaping plan approved years ago. The township is in need of someone to take over mowing this summer. The board requests that any interested parties send in a bid for the year's work.

Russ made a motion to undertake a road vacation procedure for the unmaintained last East half of mile portion of 400th Street. The board will contact MAT attorney to see what the procedure is for the next step to take. We will share the cost with Hendrickson Township as this road is shared with them. Roger seconded it.

Stephen discussed the new town hall rental charges: No damage deposit, \$30 per use for township residents, \$50 for non-residents. A piano has been donated by Mary Salter and Candy Roberts to the hall and will be placed in the hall soon.

Donation requests were reviewed. Dwight Powell was present, representing the First Responders. Russ made a motion to accept a contract in lieu of a donation, Roger seconded it.

Russ motioned to discontinue mailing out postcards to residents for the annual meeting notices. Roger seconded it. The Bemidji Pioneer and Park Rapids Enterprise will remain as newspapers of choice for legal notices.

Roger motioned that The next Annual meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in the month of March, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Joe seconded it. Joe motioned to adjourn, Russ seconded it.