

PAGE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, March 14, 2017

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Doreen Hoeck, Ron Hoeck, Bruce Milton, Nicole Peterson, Ron Evensen, Daniel Peterson, Don Carling, Dilly Salgren, Sean Johnson, Jason Theisen, Janice Peterson, Diane Lien, Jake Janki, Kyle Weimann

GUESTS PRESENT: Tim Bauer, Michele McPherson, Jere Day, Paul Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Weimann called the annual meeting to order 8:14 PM.

Clerk Weimann said that guests were present to request donations on behalf of various organizations. He asked if there was any objections to them speaking prior to starting official business. Hearing no objections, the following requests were made:

- **Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society:** Michele McPherson requested a donation to the fairgrounds to go into the capital fund to finish the new barn and other projects.
- **Milaca Area Pantry:** Tim Bauer said that the pantry served 29 households from Page Township in 2016. 620 households from the area received food aid. March is the primary fundraiser for the year to fund ongoing needs.
- **Pease Community Fireworks:** Paul Peterson said that several area townships donate toward the 4th of July celebration for license, fireworks, etc. It is the 102nd annual event, the main one in the County.
- **Milaca Area Historical Society:** Jere Day reported that MAHS uses donations to pay bills and support ongoing operations. They are in process of restoring museum to its 1936 condition - removing carpeting to expose original hardwood, light fixtures, etc.

2. ELECT A MODERATOR: Clerk Weimann opened the floor for nominations for meeting moderator. Dilly Salgren motioned to appoint Jake Janski. Daniel Peterson seconded. Clerk Weimann asked three times for other nominations. Hearing none, the nomination of Jake Janski was put to a voice vote. The nomination carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moderator Janski asked for additions or changes to the agenda. Dan Peterson motioned to approve the agenda as written; Ron Hoeck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Moderator Janski asked for changes or corrections to the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes. Clerk Weimann mentioned that the Supervisors had given it preliminary approval last year. Jason Theisen motioned to approve the minutes as written; Janice Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Salgren read the following report for 2016

Beginning Balance: Jan 1, 2016	\$ 138,730.23
+ Receipts	\$ 185,147.07
- Disbursements	\$ 160,455.12
Ending Balance: Dec 31, 2016	\$ 163,422.18

Dan Peterson motioned to approve the Treasurer's report; Ron Hoeck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP:

(a) General/Financial: Clerk Weimann provided information on the financial status of the Town.

(b) Road Report: Sup. Peterson presented the 2016 Road Report (attached).

(d) Town Hall Report: Sup. Theisen reported that the lower portion of the walls was painted since it was scuffed and marked up. The Board is considering purchase of a water softener; the hard water is wearing out gaskets and fixtures.

(e) Park Report: Supervisor Janski reported that the advisory committee and township hosted the 2nd annual Community picnic on September 18th, 2016; turnout was high with lots of new faces. Maintenance costs have been kept down due to donated time and effort. The Advisory Committee meets 6-10 times per year and is always looking for

additional members. Township owns 6 additional acres; the Advisory Committee is continuing to look for grants and donations to fund additional improvements.

(f) Fire Report: Sup. Theisen reported that the cost of the fire contract has been going up a bit each year. The 2017 contract cost is \$13,530.

7. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Moderator Janski opened the floor to the public to bring up any issues of concern or suggestions. Ron Evensen asked about the Fire Fund if homeowners have insurance. Clerk Weimann said that they are separate issues. Kyle Weimann left the front table to comment that is worth considering moving the Town election to November to increase participation and lower cost. He said there are potential tradeoffs, including term lengths and voters not knowing the issues.

8. DONATIONS:

Moderator Janski said that the Supervisors had budgeted \$750 for donations in 2017; residents have authority to approve any amount. Moderator Janski opened the floor for motions for one organization at a time.

- Bruce Milton motioned to donate **\$200 to MAP**; Janice Peterson seconded. Motion carried.
- Jason Theisen motioned to donate **\$150 to MAHS**; Bruce Milton seconded. Motion carried.
- Ron Hoeck motioned to remove 7 County Senior Federation and Family Pathways from consideration; Bruce Milton seconded. Motion carried.
- Jason Theisen motion to donate **\$100 to RRCE**; Bruce Milton seconded. Motion carried.
- Sean Johnson motioned to give **\$100 to Pease Fireworks**; Janice Peterson seconded. Motion carried.
- Sean Johnson motioned to give **\$200 to MLCAS**. Ron Hoeck seconded. Motion carried.

9. SETTING THE LEVY FOR 2018: The Board of Supervisors proposed a 2018 levy of \$139,250 divided into five funds. Clerk Weimann explained the funding levels and the need for a separate motion for each fund.

- General:** Don Carling motioned to set the 2018 general fund levy at **\$20,000**. Bruce Milton seconded. Motion carried.
- Road & Bridge:** Bruce Milton motioned to set the 2018 Road & Bridge levy at **\$99,000**; Ron Hoeck seconded. Motion carried.
- Town Hall:** Ron Hoeck motioned to set the 2018 Town Hall levy at **\$6,250**; Janice Peterson seconded. Motion carried.
- Park:** Bruce Milton asked what was proposed for the future; Jake Janski said that no decision has been made but a shelter, playground, and habitat enhancement are still under consideration. Bruce Milton motioned to set the 2018 Park levy at **\$750** with further follow-up over summer for additional improvement; Sean Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Sean Johnson mentioned that if trail/habitat enhancement moved forward, NRCS may have some assistance, especially for pollinator habitat.
- Fire:** Janice Peterson motioned to set the 2018 Fire levy at **\$13,250**. Ron Hoeck seconded. Motion carried.

10. TIME AND PLACE FOR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION: Dilly Salgren motioned for the election to be 5-8pm on March 13, 2018 with the annual meeting to follow at 8:15; Dan Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

11. ANNUAL ELECTION AND RESULTS: Clerk Weimann reported the preliminary results of the 2017 election.

Town Supervisor (A) - 3 YR Term

Jason Theisen: 20

Write-in: 0

Town Treasurer - 2 YR Term

Dilly Salgren: 16

Write-in: 1

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Moderator Janski mentioned that the Board of Canvass will take place immediately following adjournment.

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT: Ron Hoeck motioned to adjourn; Bruce Milton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Annual meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Submitted by:

Kyle Weimann, Town Clerk

March 8, 2016

Approved by the Electors of Page Township this 13th day of March, 2018

Annual Meeting Moderator

Kyle Weimann, Town Clerk

Print Name

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