

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting March 14, 2017

Polls were open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

After the polls were closed a public canvass of the votes was held.

David Bulfer received 9 votes for Supervisor. David Bulfer was declared elected Supervisor for a term of 3 years to fill the place of David Bulfer, whose term expires.

Todd Rosenberg received 9 votes for Treasurer. Todd Rosenberg was declared elected Treasurer for a term of 2 years to fill the place of Todd Rosenberg, whose term expires.

The Annual Town Meeting, held for the Town of Rolling Green in the County of Martin and the State of Minnesota, was held at the Rolling Green Town Hall on March 14, 2017. Dan Bebernes called the meeting to order at 8: 05PM. Todd Rosenberg was chosen to preside as Moderator at the meeting.

The Moderator stated the business to be transacted as follows:

To elect a Supervisor for a term of 3 years, to fill the place of David Bulfer, whose term expires March 14, 2017.

To elect a Treasurer for a term of 2 years, to fill the place of Todd Rosenberg, whose term expires March 14, 2017.

To set the levy for Roads & Bridges, Fire, and General Expenses.

To do any other business properly brought before said meeting.

The Clerk presented the minutes of the last annual meeting. Approved as presented.

Financial reports for the year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 were available for review.

Highlights of the financials include:

Roads and Bridges:

David Kimmet was hired to remove additional trees and brush and to grind down stumps along Pierce Lake Road. The plans are to give him an annual budget, with a list of areas needing attention, for him to continue cleaning up problem areas along the township roads. His next project is to remove the cottonwood tree on the corner of 140th Ave & 105th St (Redenius corner) and then move on to an area on 150th Ave, followed by both side of the road through Kings Slough.

We are continuing to replace some culverts each year. We plan to do an inventory of existing culverts and continue to replace a few each year.

The county coordinated the replacement of the bridge (culvert) on 100th St near 180th Ave (tree dump road). With state aid our cost will be about \$10,000. The county has still not billed us for our share (about \$10,000) for the replacement of the culvert on 142nd Ave.

The culvert on 150th Ave (south of Shultz's corner) is getting worse and will need replacement in the future. This does not currently qualify as a bridge so no state aid would be available. Based on the replacement cost for the one on 142nd Ave it will cost about \$100,000 to replace it.

About \$80,000 was spent on gravel this year as 10 loads per mile were put on all the roads. We are planning to do the same this year. An additional \$20,000 was spent on crushed concrete to shore up soft spots. This worked well as it doesn't appear there are many soft spots showing up so far this year.

An inventory of the road signs still needs to be done. A replacement policy needs to be established.

Some areas are seeing crop encroachment into the right-of-way. These areas need to be flagged and the right-of-way marked. Crop encroachment can be considered a traffic hazard and some townships have been sued because of it.

Fire Protection:

The agreement with Welcome has been working well. The townships raised the amount each entity places into the truck fund from \$2000 to \$3000 for 2016. The plan is to leave it at \$3000 for 2017 and then raise it to \$4000 for 2018 and 2019.

United Township Fire Association was reorganized with a Joint Powers Agreement. This allows the board, with representation from each township, to make decisions binding on the townships without having to have each individual township ratify everything.

United Township Fire Association raised their fee from the longstanding \$150 per section to \$250 per section. The plan is to raise it to \$350 per section next year. These funds are used to replace the township owned fire trucks and equipment.

Negotiations are still continuing with the City of Fairmont regarding the long standing agreement for fire services. No meeting has been held since United Township was reorganized.

General:

The ceiling in the town hall is continuing to deteriorate from past water damage. The new roof has prevented any additional water infiltration. The plans are to put steel over the existing ceiling. New lights and additional outlets will be installed

Old business:

Motion by Brian seconded by Daniel to set the 2018 levy for Roads and Bridges at \$100,000, the levy for Fire protection at \$15,000, and the levy for General expenses at \$35,000, for a total levy of \$150,000. Motion carried.

Other business:

There was no additional business brought before the meeting.

David moved, seconded by Daniel to set next year's annual meeting for the second Tuesday of March to begin at 8:05 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

March 14, 2017

Dan Bebernes. Town Clerk

Moderator