

New Market Township  
Annual Meeting

March 9, 1999

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 8:30 p.m.

First on the agenda was the nominating of a moderator.

Motion by Don Larson to nominate Lisa Quast as moderator, seconded by LeRoy Clausen.

Clerk called for additional nominations three times. Motion made by David Frame that nominations cease, seconded by Joy Muscato.

Clerk called the motion, all in favor, motion passed and Lisa Quast was elected to be the moderator.

She started by reading the minutes of the March 10, 1998 Annual Meeting.

Motion by Leander Wagner to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jim White, all in favor.

The Moderator read the minutes of the April 22, 1998 Continued Annual Meeting.

Motion by David Frame to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Don Larson, all in favor.

The Moderator then read the minutes of the May 7, 1998 Continued Annual Meeting. Motion by Don Larson to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Doug Quast, all in favor.

The Moderator then announced the election results as follows-

For Supervisor -- Joel Helmberger 112 votes

All others 15 votes

For Treasurer -- Milton Miller 119 votes

All others 8 votes

Next was old business--

Leander Wagner asked a question as to when are we going to get a report from the audit concerning the things that were to be corrected. Mr. Frame answered and said that there were changes made right along and are brought up at the regular monthly meetings.

Motion made by Jim White to get a progress report on the status of the audit report monthly, seconded by Margaret Erickson, motion carried.

Margaret Erickson made a motion to amend the motion, stating that we would get a written copy of the findings, seconded by Quast, Moderator called the motion, motion denied.

Jim White asked about the Firemen's Relief Fund, and David Frame said that that will be part of what he is going to show on the over-head.

David Frame gave a report on the Ambulance service, to change some of the area to Northfield, they will take all of the area East of County Road 91 and the balance will stay with New Prague.

On the Fire Hall, Mr. Nicklaus the Attorney has it to take care of, and he is going to pursue for the money or a share of the hall. Will not take it to court unless all litigation collapses.

LeRoy Clausen reported on the progress of the Fire Contract. The Board hired an arbitrator to negotiate a contract for 1999, and it is still being worked on.

New Business--

Motion by Frame to publish all extra meetings and legal notices in the three papers, The New Prague Times, Lakeville Life & Times and the Lonsdale Shopper, seconded by Don Larson, all in favor.

Motion by Nancy Friedges to post the agenda on Mondays before the regular monthly meeting, seconded by Margaret Erickson, all in favor.

Next were the levies,

Motion by Don Larson to levy \$40,000.00 for the General Fund, seconded Jim White, all in favor.

W.M.O. was next, motion by Miller that we levy "0" dollars for W.M.O. seconded by Clausen, all in favor.

Don Larson made a motion to amend the motion to authorize to let the Board spend up to \$10,000.00 out of the W.M.O. Fund, seconded by Frame, all in favor.

Ambulance Fund--

Motion by Joel Helmberger to levy "0" dollars for Ambulance service and authorize to spend \$7,000.00 of current funds, seconded by Miller, all in favor.

Next was Road & Bridge Fund--

There was a discussion here about the expenditures and what they consist of. Another question was, who determines which Township road gets rebuilt? We're told that School bus drivers make reports and also the public in general. Expenses are shown on the monthly reports.

Motion by Miller to levy \$200,000.00 for Road & Bridge and authorize to spend up to \$300,000.00, seconded by Bob Seykora, all in favor.

The Fire Fund levy was next--

There was a lot of discussion here before the motion was made.

Moved by Zweber to levy \$80,000.00 and whatever expense is above that is not to exceed \$2,000.00 from the current Fire Fund, total \$82,000.00, seconded by Miller, Moderator declared the motion carried.

Motion by Jim White to levy up to \$37,500.00 (actual \$37,289.73) for the Capital Fund, seconded by Don Larson, all in favor.

Here Frame made a motion to amend the motion and added a reading that he had already prepared as follows:

Whereas the Fire Department from time to time must spend large amounts of cash to add to their fleet or replace units and --

Whereas the regular payments by the Township are intended for operating costs and --

Whereas it is appropriate for the Township to contribute toward the purchase of such items to improve the fire protection service to the Township and --

Whereas the State Auditor has commented on the questionable control of such funds and --

Whereas the State Auditor has commented on the appropriateness of the giving of gifts by the Township --

Therefore be it resolved that --

New Market Township will levy for and collect during the year 2000 \$37,500.00 and shall hold such funds in reserve for the purchase of capital items for fire service protection.

These funds may be provided to the City of New Market for its Fire Departments use for fire service and protection purpose pursuant to a request given to the Township Board by the City and Fire Department for a specific purchase and such request approved by the Town Board. Such funds so provided to the City and its Fire Department shall result in the Township owning a share in such purchase in proportion to the Townships contribution (both special and accumulated) in relationship to similar contributions by the City and other units of government that have fire service contracts with the City as compared to the total cost of such purchase. The City shall provide the Township with documents showing true cost of the purchase, the source and amounts of funds used to accomplish the purchase and documents showing the ownership of the purchase, and the City's indemnification of the Township for any liabilities resulting from the City's use of such purchase, seconded by Jim White, Moderator called the motion, Moderator declared motion carried.

Motion by Leander to approve the Fire relief fund, seconded by Jim White, Frame made a motion to amend the motion that they can use .006% of valuation and not to exceed, seconded by Jim White.

Don Larson made a motion that the Fire Fund, Capital Fund and Fire Relief Fund be added together so that it can be filed under one heading for levy at the County Court House in the amount of \$127,400.00, seconded by Frame, Moderator declared motion carried.

Motion by Margaret Erickson to give a copy of the final report to everyone, seconded by Jim White, all in favor.

Motion by Nancy Friedges to publish when the financial audit is done for the Township, seconded by Margaret Erickson, all in favor.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to adjourn, seconded by Don Larson, all in favor.

*LeRoy L. Cauley*  
Moderator 3/14/00

*Albert Zweber*  
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Township Clerk