

March 13, 2001

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Asked for nominations for moderator.

Motion by Milton Miller to nominate LeRoy Clausen, seconded by Gary Christensen.

Clerk called for more nominations 3 times and there were none, LeRoy Clausen was declared the Moderator.

The Moderator read the election results -- 100 votes were cast.

For Supervisor Harry Anderson 49, Tom Delaney 4, Bruce Heimerl 16, Clint Olson 30.

For Treasurer Milton Miller 83 and all others 8.

The Moderator read the minutes of the year 2000 Annual Meeting. Motion by Joel Helmberger to approve the 2000 Annual Meeting minutes as read, seconded by Joy Muscato, all in favor.

The Treasurer's report was questioned by Tom Rees on the road report and the levy for the year 2000. At this time the annual report was handed out, he also wanted to know when the report was posted. It was posted at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Miller told him that it was posted for him to review before the meeting started.

* Old business -- discussion was to buy land for a Township park and how much?

Doug Quast and LeRoy Clausen talked about some land that is for sale, it is 100.79 acres owned by James and William Sweeney.

Motion by Quast to let the Town Board spend up to \$10,000.00 per acre for park land, seconded by Ron Houston, motion carried.

After the motion was made and seconded the people asked questions about what they will do with that much land. They said to get any of the land they must buy it all. They know that at the last Annual Meeting they talked about 30 acres for a park.

Mr. Quast and Mr. Clausen, who are Supervisors, said that you can have one residence per 10 acres, so this would let them sell 10 -- 2.5 or 5 acre lots. By selling off that much land in lots they could pay off the land and keep the balance for park which could be about 40 acres. They were questioned about a road and the cost and who would take care of the park and also about a building. They were told that this would be later like after it is plotted and lots sold. They also talked about matching grants that can be gotten as we develop the park. The main objective as explained by Mr. Quast and Mr. Clausen is to sell off enough land to pay for all the land and have the balance for park.

After that is done they will find out what the public wants in the park.

Motion to amend the motion made by Tom Rees, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 dollars for land, seconded by Quast, motion carried.

There was more discussion about that much land. Again Mr. Quast stated that they intend to sell off enough land that they will pay off most of the land.

The amended motion and complete motion were called, motion carried.

Motion by Tom Rees that \$10,000.00 be allocated for the study of park and recreation issues affecting New Market Township, seconded by Mike Mahoney, motion carried.

The reason for this is so they can find out what it will cost for operating this park and how large the park should be.

* New business - Motion by Quast to levy \$150,000.00 for this year to go to the land purchase, seconded by Tom Rees, motion carried.

Tom Rees again asked about the road report and was showed it in the annual report, the actual cost of each road rebuilt.

Motion by Tom Rees to allocate \$10,000.00 for the study of transportation issues affecting New Market Township, seconded by Roderick Rees, motion carried.

Motion by Gary Christensen to levy \$250,000.00 for Road & Bridge, seconded by Bruce Friedges, motion carried.

There was discussion about what was spent last year on rebuilding roads and all others, chlorine, lime rock etc., the total amount was \$347,259.00.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to amend the motion to change the levy for Road & Bridge to \$260,000.00, seconded by Tom Rees, motion carried.

Motion by Tom Rees to levy \$80,000.00 for General Fund, seconded by Doug Quast, motion carried.

There was a question as to what the General Fund is used for. They were told that it is to pay salaries, election judges, legal fees, engineer fees, legal notices, rent, etc.

Motion by Tom Rees that the sum of \$600.00 be allocated in the annual budget for the purpose of establishing an internet presence and e-mail contact for New Market Township to be administered by the Board, seconded by Roderick Rees, motion denied.

Motion by Albert Zweber to levy \$100,000.00 for Fire Fund, Relief Fund and Capitol Fund, seconded by Robert Seykora, motion carried.

Gary Christensen gave a report on what a rescue truck will cost for the Fire Department and also told about the new tanker truck that will be ready to pick up in a few days

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at Luverne, Mn. where the tank is being built and put on.

Todd Friedges, the Fire Chief, also gave a report on the Fire Department and the calls that are made and what percent of them are in the Township. He also talked about the ones that are on 35W. He mentioned that there are 25 firemen in the department.

Next, Ambulance service was talked about, there was little discussion about it.

Motion by Milton Miller to levy \$5,000.00 for the Ambulance Fund, seconded by Tom Rees, motion carried.

Bill Boysen made a motion to persue the purchase of a rescue truck, seconded by Robert Seykora, value of about \$180,000.00, motion carried.

The W.M.O. levy was next, Motion by Milton Miller to levy "0" dollars for W.M.O. Fund, seconded by Ralph Wagner, motion carried.

Motion by Pat Wagner to publish our legal notices in the three papers as before,

The New Prague Times, Lakeville Life & Times and the Lonsdale Shopper, seconded by Joy Muscato, motion carried.

Next item was chlorine for the roads. There was a discussion before a motion was made to chlorine all Township gravel roads with a 12 foot swath and not to grade the roads over Summer, that then the cost would be the same and others agreed to this.

Motion by Gary Christensen to do a 12 foot swath on all Township gravel roads with chlorine and no grading to save money, seconded by Bob Seykora.

There was more discussion on chlorining all the gravel roads. How many miles are there?

Mr. Clausen said there are about 38 miles of gravel roads in the Township. Mr. Quast suggested that the land owners along the Township roads pay their own. Again it was talked about that by not grading the roads over Summer months which are June through

October the cost of chlorine on all the gravel roads will be the same. The Moderator then called the motion, motion carried.

Next, the Clerk told about the new election machine that will be used by the year 2004.

It will show any incorrect ballots and will count the ballots as the people put them in. The cost will be between \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00 dollars. Motion by Pat Wagner to buy the election machine when the County does, seconded by Karen Christensen, motion carried.

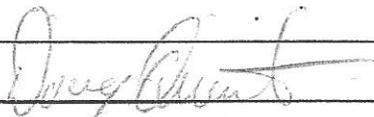
It was brought up about identification signs by every household. Motion by Tom Rees to let the County take care of the ID signs, seconded by Steve Muscato, motion carried. In the discussion about the ID signs, Attorney Nicklaus said that it was for the County to do that and so there was no money levied for this.

Next there was the discussion about "should the Township do their own planning and zoning and have a building inspector" as was published as a legal notice in all three papers.

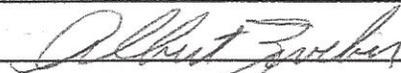
Ballots were handed out for the people present to vote. The votes were counted and the result was 27 yes votes and 1 no vote.

It was then said that the Town Board could start doing their own planning and zoning and look for a building inspector.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to adjourn the Annual Meeting of March 13, 2001, seconded by Mike Mahoney, motion carried.



Moderator.



Albert Zweber

Township Clerk