

March 13, 2007

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

The Clerk called for nominations for Moderator.

Motion by Frame to nominate LeRoy Clausen, seconded by Muscato.

Motion by Clausen to nominate David Frame, seconded by Anderson.

Motion by Kim Popp to nominate Anderson, seconded by Macho.

Motion by Anderson to nominate John Macho, seconded by Kim Popp.

Clerk called for any more nominations three times, there were none and so Clerk declared nominations cease.

Paper ballots were handed out for the people to vote for Moderator.

After the votes were counted the results were, Frame 8, Clausen 7, Anderson 4, and Macho 3. David Frame was elected to be the Moderator.

The Moderator read the minutes from the March 14, 2006 Annual Meeting.

Motion by Macho to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Helmberger, motion called, motion carried.

* Next, the Moderator announced the Annual Election results --

For Supervisor, Harry Anderson 70 votes; Kenneth M. Chlan 93 votes

For Treasurer, David Frame 132 votes and all others 8 votes.

Kenneth Chlan was elected Supervisor for a 3 year term and David Frame was elected Treasurer for a 2 year term.

* LeRoy Clausen then gave the road report as follows --

1. Roads that got graveled in 2006 were Xerxes Ave., Logan Ave. from 250th St. to the black top. 250th St. from Cty. 27 to 91. Dakota Ave. from the City limits to Hwy 62.

230th St. between Dakota and Cty 27, and 230th St. from Cty 27 to the Thomas farm, Irving Ave. from #2 to 270th and 270th from Irving to the Elko City limits. Zane/Vernon from New Market City limits to the County line. 270th from Zane to Dakota, Dupont south of 270th, and Logan and Thomas Aves off of the County line.

2. Averaged approximately 16 semi loads per mile at the cost of approximately \$70,000.00, or about \$7,000.00 per mile.

3/Seal coating done in 2006 were -- Xerxes north of 29 to John Henry's, Livery Lane, Livery Court, Norway Hills Trail, 219th St., Wagon Wheel Trail, and Beard Ave. north of 240th St. $\frac{4}{2}\frac{1}{2}$ miles at a cost of \$11,000.00 per mile.

5/Cost sharing of roads bordering the City limits--City pays 1.62% snowplowing and it pays 1.54% of the grading.

6/The Township spends approximately \$85,000.00 per year for grading

7/We replaced 4 culverts, one on 270th and Dakota; Zane Ave. north of 62; Penn Ave. and Logan Way; and on Logan Way down by the Freeway.

8/Dust Coating was done -- 150 to 200 feet by each driveway. The cost is approximately \$30,000.00 per year. Its \$32.00 per 100 feet at 12 feet wide.

9/We replaced 9 road signs due to knock down or theft.

10/Did 40 hours of brush cutting -- and will not need to for 2 - 3 years.

* Next was Old Business --

Asked about the TownHall. Mr. Clausen explained that the Hall would cost about \$850,000.00 total. Question asked, how was it funded? Was told that 10 lots got sold for over 2 million dollars. This paid off the land and we had money left to build the Town Hall and will still have money left. One citizen commented that now that the hall is built he'll bet that there won't be a park. He was told that there will be a park, there is money in the Park Fund to start a park but that it all takes time. Since Elko & New Market merged into one City we were told that there was no room in the Area Hall for us and so we needed a place to hold our meetings and to vote etc.

Mr. Clausen explained further that there are some things that need to be finished in the TownHall before we make the last payment.

He also talked about the hall being for rent but as of now the Board does not know what the charge will be for either floor. There were more questions about the park and when it will be started.

Motion by Helmberger that we keep on with a Park Board and the construction of the Park, motion called, motion carried.

* Next was new business --

The levies for 2007 -- 1st - Road & Bridge -- proposed was \$300,000.00

Motion by Bruce Friedges to levy \$300,000.00, seconded by Chlan, motion called, motion carried.

* Next, Harry Anderson made a motion to give the Town Board the right to look into buying a grader, seconded by Don Kremer, motion called, motion carried.

Anderson then talked about a catapiller #140, it would cost about \$31.00 per hour to lease or rent. Fuel consumption is about 4 gals per hour. Suggestion was to lease it by the day or month and have someone run it. Silverness then said that he also had looked into this and was told that at this point graders are particularly scarce as they are all out of the country in the war zones. Someone suggested that they do something as the road maintenance costs are getting to be way too high.

Motion by Macho to authorize the Board the right to buy or lease a grader based on further information, seconded by Anderson, motion called, 1 nay, motion carried.

Ben Zweber complained about the dust on 250th St. on which he lives. Clausen said that all residents receive the same amount of chlorine and if anyone wants to have more spread than the normal amount they pay for it, which all the residents do that get more.

* Next, there were questions about the taxes and why they went up this year. There was a lot of discussion here.

Mr..Clausen then gave the levy report for the last 7 or 8 years, showing what the levies were each year. Most people understood his explanation some did not.

We levy the money for each fund and send the report to the County. The Township only receives from the County the money that gets levied. This money is given to the Township in two payments, half in June and half in December.

* Motion by Lyle Bungert to adjourn the Annual Meeting of March 13, 2007 at 10:10 p.m., seconded by Don Kremer, motion called, motion carried.

Albert Zweber

Moderator

Township Clerk