

NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING

Unapproved Minutes

March 11, 2008

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

The pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

The Clerk called for nominations for Moderator.

Motion by Macho to nominate LeRoy Clausen, seconded by Morlock.

Motion by Chlan to nominate Doug Quast, seconded by Clausen.

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

Paper ballots were handed out for the people to vote. After the count the votes were tie.

8 and 8. Quast and Clausen agreed to flip a coin. Clausen won the toss and so was declared the Moderator.

The Moderator read the minutes from the March 13, 2007 Annual Meeting.

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

Next, the Annual Election results were announced--

For Supervisor 93 votes for George Silverness, all others 8.

For Clerk 102 votes for Zweber, all others 4.

George Silverness was elected to be the Supervisor for a 3 year term.

Albert Zweber was elected Clerk for a 2 year term.

Next, was the Township road report -- given by LeRoy Clausen as follows --

1. The following roads received gravel in 2007 -- 230th St. West of 27, 234th St. at the end of Ottawa, Logan and Logan Way from 62 to Penn Ave., 235th St. from 46 to the Cty line, 234th St. off of Logan Way, 240th St. off of Beard Ave., Xerxes from 2 to 62, 250th St. from XXerxes to 35, 267th from 46 to Cty line, Beard Ave. from 86 to 275th St. 273rd - Thomas Ave. -270th St. to the Elko City line (cost shared with City on 270th portion), 275th St. from Vernon to 91, Dakota from 270th St. to the end.

2. The following roads are due for gravel in 2008.

230th 91 to Dakota, 250th from 27 to Cty 87 in Cedar Lake, Beard Ave 62 to 240th St., 250th from 46 to Cty line, 270th from 46 to Dupont, 270th from Dakota to Nevada (City to pay half), Dupont from 2 to 250th.

3. Approx 8 miles - 16 semi loads per mile - cost approx 60 Thousand.

4. Following roads were resurfaced- Dodd Blvd from 2 to 46, 267th by 46 & Skyline Dr.*.

5. Following roads were crack sealed- Plateau Dr. Woodland Rd. Woodland Lane Woodland Dr.

6. Dug out rocks from roads - Xerxes Ave between Hwy 2 and 250th St. and Logan Way between Logan Ave. and Penn Ave.

7. Excavated and tiled soft area on 250th St. West of 27.

8. Dust-Coating -- 150 to 200 ft. by each driveway - 12 ft. on most roads. Cost approx \$33.00 per 100 ft. Total approx \$30 Thousand. 7 people paid for additional footage.

9. Replaced 8 missing or damaged road signs.

10. Road Grading - approx \$90 thousand per year.

11. Purchased a road grader in July - leased to Ken Chlan. Township grader did roads West of 91 and North of 2. Ruds did the remainder. Will let bids for Winter trucks only in 2008. Small savings for the first five years. A substantial expected after.

Mr. Morlock asked how we are leasing the grader to Ken Chlan? He was told that it is by the hour and he pays back \$40.00 per hour for the hours used. He also stores it and does the repairs, maintenance and fuels it. He plugs it in to start in the Winter and does whatever has to be done. Question, is the snow plowing in on those road grading hours? No.

Here Mr. Clausen gave the 2007 Ambulance report as follows--

1. Northfield Ambulance will be providing service for all of the Township in 2008.

2. Total of three Ambulances.

3. 27 Employees, 18 are paramedics, the remainder are EMTs.

4. One-half of the employees are full time, the remainder are part time and casual.

5. There will be a 25 cent increase to \$1.50 per resident for 2008.

Next, Doug Quast asked a question about the Fire Contract, as to why we should pay for more equipment when the City owns the Fire Department. We should only pay a contract price and no equipment. Most of the people agreed with him. They will check this out.

Then Steve Kavoras asked about dust control, what can be done to get better use of it or get it to be more effective. The Moderator, who is also the road supervisor, said that on our grader we have a blade that has teeth and now we can grade the chlorinated roads just as we want, and they will also do a wider chlorine swat this time.

Old Business-- Someone asked about the web-site for the Township and if it is working.

Mr. Frame answered that it will be working soon.

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There was discussion about the money that was used from the Park Fund to buy the land which was \$100,000.00, should be returned. Here Atty Eric Braaten said that you can only recommend doing this.

Motion by Quast recommending to move \$100,000.00 over to the Park Fund from the Land Fund, seconded by Macho, motion called, motion carried.

Next, were the Levy's. 1st the Road & Bridge Fund--

Proposed was \$300,000.00. We have to levy at least \$290,424.00 in order to get the Gas Tax money. Motion by Frame to levy \$300,000.00 for Road & Bridge, seconded by Silverness, motion called, motion carried.

2nd- General Fund -- Question asked as to how much is in that fund. They were told how much but also that this fund consists of road assessments, driveway permits and escrows etc. Motion by Quast to levy \$50,000.00 for the General Fund, seconded by Macho, motion called, motion carried.

3rd- Ambulance Fund -- The Moderator told what the cost is and what is left in the fund and that is why we would only need \$5,000.00, soon Northfield will be the only Ambulance service. Motion by Zweber to levy \$5,000.00 for the Ambulance Fund, seconded by Morlock, motion called, motion carried.

4th -- Fire Fund - Here the 2007 Fire Department report was given as follows-

1. Budget was \$156,000.00 for 2007, budget for 2008 is \$164,000.00.
2. Township pays approx 55%
3. For 2008 there is an additional cost of \$60,000.00 for 800 MHZ telephone equipment

The Township share will be \$33,000.00, payable over five years.

4. Expect the Fire contract to increase due to the City starting the Capitol Equipment Fund again.

There was some discussion about the Fire Contract and why there is \$90,000.00 left in it.. That balance was at the end of 2007 and since then there was a Rescue Truck payment made which reduced the fund over \$30,000.00.

Motion by Chlan to levy \$50,000.00 for the Fire Fund, seconded by Mahoney, motion called, motion carried.

Here they went back to discussing the General Fund, because if they want the Park money returned we will have to raise this levy.

Motion by Silverness to re-open the General Fund levy, seconded by Cindy Helmberger, motion called, 1 nay, motion carried.

Motion by Morlock to raise the General Fund ^{Levy} \$100,000.00, seconded by Frame, motion called, 1 nay, motion carried.

There was discussion here about a building for maintenance. Eric Braaten said that we may have to hold a special meeting for building a building on the land.

Motion by Morlock to recommend changing the Land Fund name to Maintenance Building Fund, seconded by Quast, motion called, 1 nay, motion carried.

Next, motion by Frame to publish the legal notices in two newspapers, The New Prague Times and the Lakeville Life & Times, seconded by Macho, motion called, motion carried.

Todd Friedges wanted to know about the charge that the Township has on all 911 calls for \$250.00. He wants to stop this because the people pay taxes. He was told that the Township provides a service and if you use it you should pay. He also said that there were 162 calls total and 64 of these were in the Township that he sent to the Clerk. The Clerk has a count of only 55 sent to him. Todd said that was not true that there were 64. It will be checked into..

Todd then talked about buying a ladder truck for the Fire Department in 2010, and mentioned about starting a Capitol Fund or additional assessment.

Here Atty Eric Braaten said that the Township cannot put money into a Capitol Fund for Fire Department equipment that is owned by the City. He also said that Todd is right in a way with the assessment and that Doug Quast is also right that we just pay an assessment. Todd then said that in another two years the Township bill would be 40% and the City bill would be 60% and if the Township didn't like that they could go and get their own Fire Department.

Doug Quast then gave his proposal of the park land and where they will build the ball diamonds and also how and where the walking trail will be put from start to finish. etc.

Motion by Macho to adjourn the Annual Meeting of March 11, 2008 at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Mahoney, motion called, motion carried.

Albert Zweber

Moderator

Township Clerk