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March 9, 2010

The Clerk called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk called for nominations for Moderator.

Motion by A. Zweber to nominate Doug Quast, seconded by Steve Kavouras.

Motion by Becky Larson to nominate John Macho, seconded by Dean Larson.

Clerk called for more nominations 3 times, there were none and so declared nominations closed.

Paper ballots were handed out for the people in attendance to vote. After the voting and count, the results were Quast 29 and Macho 15, Quast was declared the Moderator.

The Moderator read the minutes from the 2009 Annual Township Meeting.

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

The Election results were announced as follows, there were 368 votes.

For Supervisor - Chlan 194 and Larson 170 -- Chlan was declared Supervisor for 3 yr. term.

For Clerk - Clausen 200 and Zweber 162 -- Clausen was declared Clerk for a 2 year term.

Supervisor, Silverness gave the road report. There was a lot of discussion here about chlorine, grading, packing and maybe rolling the road right after the grader etc.

Chlorine on the roads will be a 18 foot width. Seal Coating is \$21,000.00 per mile,

there was none done this last year. Crack Sealing was done on Forest Ridge, Walnut Ridge and Grandview Pond. There might be equipment that has to be replaced, like the Truck or

maybe get another Truck. We should start a fund for that purpose. He mentioned roads

that were graveled last year and how many miles need to be graveled this year. This was

all up on the screen and is also on the web-site.

Supervisor, Helmberger gave the Fire report, he explained the need for more equipment

and vehicle replacement. He did not know what the 2010 Fire Contract is going to cost

the Township because as of now there is no Contract signed yet..

Moderator asked about Old Business --

Where to publish the Township legals? Motion by Chlan to publish the legals the same

places as before, The New Prague Times and Lakeville Life & Times and put them on the

web-site, seconded by Tom Ahr, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Merick to publish and put on the web-site the monthly agenda at least 48 hours before the meeting, seconded by Dan Martin, motion called. There was a lot of discussion and confusion here and were told that most people do not call to be on the agenda until the day of the meeting and then not until 4 or 5 p.m. People wanted it published on the web-site so they would know to attend the meeting or not. Mr. Kavouras stated that the meetings are the first Tuesday of every month and if they are so interested they should be there. Motion by Del Stapf to amend the motion to include approximate tentative agenda on the web-site, seconded by Merick, motion called, motion carried.

Here Atty Eric Braaten commented that a motion at an Annual Meeting is only a guide line for the Board and does not necessarily have to be followed.

Next were the Levies --

Road & Bridge was first and the Board had proposed \$385,000.00. Motion by Zweber to levy \$385,000.00, seconded by Chlan. Here some people talked about why the grading wasn't put out on bids? Were told that we own our own grader and that surely would not be wise.

Ken Chlan explained just how much money the Township is saving per year on the lease program compared to hiring Rud. In 5 years the grader will be paid and we still own it. He showed the figures on the screen. The Moderator called the motion to levy \$385,000.00 for Road & Bridge, motion carried.

Next the General Fund levy - the Board proposed \$150,000.00. There was a lot of discussion and confusion here. Someone asked just what the General Fund is used for?

Mr. Frame responded that \$14,000.00 is Clerks pay and added that included legal publishing, Elections, County assessments of \$20,640.00, legal fees, Treasurer \$5,800, and Hall expense was \$23,000.00. Here Ken Chlan corrected Mr. Frame and gave the right amount of \$11,944.00 for Hall expense. He mentioned that we took in \$23,800.00 in Hall rent and so profited about \$11,000.00 from renting out the Hall. The Park expense was \$15,464.33 which included the purchase of a Toro lawn mower, mowing and a lot of clean-up that was there when the land was purchased. Motion by Al Gilbert to levy \$150,000.00 for the General Fund, seconded by Stapf, motion called, motion carried.

Next-- Land-Hall-Park Fund--- Board proposed \$140,000.00

Question asked, how much money is in the Fund now. About \$83,000.00 in Land Money Market and a balance at the beginning of the year of \$48,001.04 in the Land-Hall-Park Fund.

Most of that money was transferred in from General Fund as the Fund ran short after doing all the Park work in 2008, like \$221,000.00 worth.

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Specifically dirt work for \$123,817.29, Engineer fees of \$36,000.00, rock and rock hauling for the walking path, wood chips and then added the playground equipment. Someone asked why there were no picnic tables and lites or shelter put up with all the money that was generated from the housing development that was supposed to be spent on creating the park?

We still do not have anywhere to go with the family to have a picnic in the park.

Motion by Al Gilbert that not to spend more than \$75,000.00 for a picnic shelter, lites, picnic tables and porta-potties and possibly a back-stop for the multi-purpose field, none of this to exceed \$75,000.00, seconded by Wikerheiser, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to amend the motion to add a Maintenance Building at a cost of approximately \$140,000.00, seconded by Zweber. There again was a lot of discussion here for and against and was mentioned that it had been voted on before and was turned down.

Mr. Helmberger stated that we now rent space out of the Township to store the truck and grader and that the lawn mower and brush-hog are kept elsewhere. He put some building plans out on the table for the people to view. After a while the motion was called to amend the motion to levy \$140,000.00 to cover the maintenance building, motion called, motion failed.

Motion by Macho to levy \$100,000.00 for the Fire Fund, seconded by Langdon, motion called, motion carried. The Board had proposed \$140,000.00 .

Motion by Macho to levy "0" dollars for the Ambulance Fund, seconded by Tonsager, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Chlan to adjourn the Annual Township Meeting at 11:30 p.m., seconded by Zweber, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator

Clerk

Election Judges