

NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING

March 8, 2011

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk requested nominations for Moderator. Chlan nominated Helmberger for Moderator. Seconded by Merick. Motion called. Motion carried. The Clerk requested nominations three more times. There were no more nominations. Helmberger was declared Moderator.

Moderator presented the results of the Election:

125 total votes.

David Frame received 101 votes for a 2 year term as Treasure.

George Silverness received 104 votes for a 3 year term as Supervisor.

There were 68 yes votes and 53 no votes for the question of a Five Member Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk read the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion by Chlan to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Merick, motion called, motion carried.

The Moderator read the minutes of the Audit Report.

Silverness presented the Road Report. Gravel on Township roads cost \$86,000.00 for 17 miles of road in 2010. Plan to spend \$83,000.00 for gravel in 2011. Plan to get the Township Engineer involved in what roads should get gravel and the testing of the quality of gravel. Dust Coating cost approx \$32,000.00 in 2010 and expect approx the same cost for 2011. \$52,000.00 was spent on Seal Coating during 2010 and plan to spend \$63,000.00 in 2011. George also commented on the newest method of repairing frost boils. Also mention several signs being replaced or added throughout the year. Frame talked briefly about the sign reflectivity requirements for the future. Have to do a road sign inventory this year. All signs must meet the reflectivity requirement by 2015.

There was some discussion on the possibility of the Township purchasing a new Plow Truck. People commented on the excellent job of plowing roads the past winter. A resident wanted to know what the protocol is for grading roads after dust coating? Chlan explained the practice of grading approx 2 times per month, and tries to do after a rain. Chlan stated packing the road after grading will help. Another comment was the grader blade with teeth on it does more harm than good. The Township has been given information on how Dakota County does dust coating.

Helmberger gave the Fire Dept Report. Township portion of the Fire Contract is 53%. He also talked about the future equipment needs of the Fire Dept, which the Township will share in the costs.

Helmberger gave the Park Report. The Picnic Shelter will be completed next month.

A local Boy Scout is doing a project of installing fire pits and grills for his Eagle Scout Award. There is \$13,000.00 dollars in the Park Fund for projects during 2011. Picnic Tables will be added. The Park entrance needs a sign stating it is a Township Park.

New Business: Mr. Merick read a letter from Marty Masterjohn (he was unable to attend) questioning the cost of operating the Road Grader. After some discussion Merick made a motion for the Township to hire an Accounting Firm, approved by Scott County, to audit the cost of operating the Township Grader. Seconded by B Larson. Before the motion was called Merick made a motion to amend the motion to put a \$10,000.00 limit on the cost of the audit. Seconded by B Larson. Merick made another motion to not do any grading until the audit was complete. Seconded by B Larson, motion called, motion failed with 14 yes votes and 16 no votes.

M Wageman expressed her unhappiness with the \$250.00 billing for Fire/Rescue calls. After some discussion on where the money was used and how much was collected, B Larson made a motion to only bill for fire and accident calls, not medical calls. Seconded by Merick, motion called, motion carried.

Levies: Motion by Chlan to levy \$150,000.00 for the General Fund. Seconded by Merick. Helmberger made a motion to amend the motion to levy \$160,000.00 to cover the cost of having two more Supervisors on the Board. Seconded by C Helmberger, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Bemis to levy \$400,000.00 for Road and Bridge Fund. Seconded by Poppe, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Bemis to levy \$180,000.00 for the Fire Fund. Seconded by Zweber, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by D Larson to levy \$3,500.00 for the Ambulance Fund. Seconded by Bemis, motion called, motion carried.

Park Fund – there was discussion on what residents would like for 2012. Expand the Trails, install a back-stop for the Ball Field, and other smaller projects. Motion by b Larson to levy \$80,000.00 for the Park Fund. Seconded by Hilseth, motion called, 9 yes votes, 5 no votes, motion carried.

Motion by Chlan to have the 2012 Annual Meeting at the New Market Township Hall on the second Tuesday of March at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Hilseth, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Hilseth to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 11:35 PM. Seconded by B Larson, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator:

Clerk: