

NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 11, 2014

Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk requested nominations for Moderator. K. Popp nominated J. Macho for Moderator. Seconded by B. Tilseth, motion called, motion carried. Clerk requested more nominations. J. Helmberger nominated LeRoy Clausen for Moderator. Seconded by C. Helmberger. Motion was not called. J. Macho was declared Moderator with approval from the attendees.

Moderator presented the agenda and asked for approval. Motion by J. Pierret to approve the agenda. Seconded by S. Muscato, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator presented the results of the annual election:

261 total votes

Becky Larson received 131 votes for Supervisor seat 4, (3 year term)

George Silverness received 129 votes for Supervisor Seat 4

Mike Huntington received 241 votes for Supervisor Seat 3, (3 year term)

LeRoy Clausen received 219 votes for Clerk, (2 year term)

The Clerk read the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion by P. Stenzel to approve the minutes As read. Seconded by A. Lewis, motion called, motion carried.

The Moderator read the minutes of the annual Township Audit Report for 2013.

Moderator read the letter from the Scott County Historical Society – The Historical Society would like for the Township to contribute \$1.00 per resident based on a population of 3440 residents. The Historical Society is dedicated to saving and sharing the history and cultural heritage of the County. Moderator asked for a showing of hands for approval. Nine for and eighteen against giving the donation.

Popovich presented the Road Report. Dust Control was applied to any gap less than 300 feet after the 150 feet was applied for each driveway. Brush cutting, tree trimming and tree removal was done where needed. For the water to run off the road it was necessary to do shoulder work on several roads, 250th St, Penn Ave, and Vernon Ave. Discussion from the audience – Contractor grader vs Township grader? Supervisor will investigate. Any plans for the Township grader? Not at present. Want dust coating done sooner in the year, like May. Status of Truck – sold.

Helmberger presented the Fire Dept report. The Fire contract is for \$158,995.00 for 2014. The Township's share of the total cost is approximately 53%. Expect it to decrease in the coming years. The Fire Department would like to start an equipment fund for new trucks and equipment and the cost to be shared. Discussion by the audience – would like to see the Township maintain ownership of the two trucks the Township owns. If the Fire Dept trades the trucks for new ones, the Township should own the new ones.

Helmberger presented the Park Report. Baskets are available to complete the Disc Golf Course

Will try and get the Baseball Field completed this summer. G. Aaker made a motion to do another survey of the Township residents to see what direction they would like to see the Park Committee follow. Seconded by Frame, motion called, motion carried.

Frame presented the Financial Report. Park fund has approximately \$133,000.00 available. The carry over of the General Fund into 2015 will be approximately \$285,000.00. The remaining funds will have approximately 6 months worth of money. The Township audit of 2012 activity was completed by an auditing firm with no problems.

Levy for General Fund:

Motion by A. Zweber to levy \$25,000.00. Seconded by M. Huntington, motion called, motion carried.

Levy for Road and Bridge Fund:

Discussion by the attendees is to increase the levy for capital improvement. Motion by J. Periot to levy \$400,000.00 for maintenance and \$200,000.00 for capital improvements. Seconded by A. Zweber, motion called, motion failed. Motion by B. Mohn to levy \$400,000.00 for maintenance and \$250,000.00 for capital improvements. Seconded by S. Rezak, motion called, motion failed. Motion by J. Macho to levy \$450,000.00 for maintenance and \$500,000.00 for capital improvements. Seconded by K. Popp, motion called, motion failed. Motion by Popovich to levy \$450,000.00 for maintenance and \$200,000.00 for capital improvements. Seconded by J. Helmberger, motion called, motion carried.

Levy for Fire Fund:

Discussion on Fire Fund – there is not sufficient funds in the Fire Fund to pay the Fire contract when it comes due. The Board would like for the fund to have a positive balance. With a 200 K levy it would be positive in a couple of years. Motion by J. Macho to levy \$200,000.00. Seconded by A. Zweber, motion called, motion carried.

Levy for Park Fund:

Motion by B. Mohn to levy 0 dollars. Seconded by Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Frame to have the 2015 Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of March, 2015 at The Township Hall. Seconded by Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Helmberger to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 11:20 PM. Seconded by Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator



Clerk