

NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 08, 2016

Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk requested nominations for Moderator. L Clausen nominated B Zweber for Moderator. Seconded by J Muscato, motion called, motion carried. Clerk requested more nominations. There were none. B Zweber was declared moderator.

Motion by M Huntington to revise the agenda to present the results of the election. Seconded by M Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator presented the agenda with the revision and asked for approval. Motion by S Thomas to approve the revised agenda. Seconded by M Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator presented the results of the election: Supervisor Seat 1: George Silverness 38 votes, 7 write ins. Supervisor Seat 2: Brent Mohn 42 votes, 4 write ins. Clerk: 7 write ins. Question - if the Clerk should be appointed, yes 31 votes, no 17 votes.

Clerk read the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting. Motion by J Macho to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by J. Muscato, motion called, motion carried.

Clerk read 2015 audit report.

Road Report – Marko Popovich, Road Supervisor (Recommended levy \$650,000.00)

Two expensive culvert replacements, one on Beard Ave and one on 250th St. The one on Beard Ave was 15 ft deep and 100 ft long. The 250th St one was also deep. Installed concrete culverts in both. Braun Intertec was hired to evaluate the black top roads and the gravel roads. Testing indicated many of the roads had insufficient base. Dust coating helps to stabilize the road and saves on gravel. All of the black top roads need on going maintenance, crack sealing, seal coating and some need more base material underneath the black top. B Zweber would like to see the complete width of the road dust coated. J Macho thinks Developers should pay for the roads. D Seterholm asking about paving gravel roads now that oil is cheap and also if roads are being constructed correctly. Harvest Meadows roads are the latest roads to be constructed and there is a new spec on roads and more testing is being done. Mike Huntington covered some of the costs of maintaining roads. Black top roads cost approx \$12,500.00 per mile per year to maintain properly. Life of a black top road is approximately 25 years. For the Township to maintain the roads properly it will take \$4,000,000.00 Over the next five years. Motion by J Macho to levy \$500,000.00. Seconded by M Popovich. More discussion, motion called, motion failed. Motion by S Muscato to levy the same as last year \$650,000.00. Seconded by J Muscato. More discussion, D Seterholm asked about charging the heavy users of the roads, like trucking companies. Motion called, motion carried.

Fire Department Report – Mike Huntington (Recommended levy \$250,000.00)

The fire contract for 2016 will be something over \$160,000.00. The city bonded for \$1,200,000.00 To pay for the new ladder truck and tanker truck. The Township's yearly share will be about \$80,000.00.

Motion by J Macho to levy \$200,000.00. Seconded by B Saker. Discussion on being able to get fire trucks into resident's yards, motion called, motion failed. Motion by B Mohn to levy \$250,000.00. Seconded by D Frame, motion called, motion carried.

Park and Grounds Report – Brent Mohn, (Recommended levy \$0.00)

Town Hall had \$19,200.00 income from rentals with expenditures of \$11,000.00

Park Fund has \$4,000.00 income from Building permits and expenditures of \$6,500.00 for mowing, \$1,300.00 for satellite, and \$300.00 for electricity. The Board is working with a Scott County youth group to do some projects in the Park. \$20,000.00 has been allotted to construct a bridge over the creek and to build a dock by the lake. D Setterholm inquired about the cost per tax payer to maintain the Park. There is presently approx \$140,000.00 in the Park Fund. Motion by J Macho to levy \$0.00 for the Park. Seconded by B Saker, motion called, motion carried.

Financial Report – David Frame (Recommended levy for General Fund \$100,000.00)

State Auditor requires the Township to have an out side audit if income is over \$922,000.00.

Township income in 2015 was \$1,000,015.00, therefore an outside audit is needed. The last audit recommended the Township have more of their policies and procedures written down.

R Maddox would like to see them on the web site when completed.

General Fund (Recommended levy \$100,000.00)

With the amount of money presently in the General Fund and anticipated spending for the year the General Fund will have adequate carry over with the \$100,000.00 levy. Motion by J Muscato to levy \$100,000.00. Seconded by B Tilseth. Discussion on the need for a larger money cushion for the Township. Motion by J Muscato to retract the motion. Seconded by B Tilseth, motion called, motion carried. Motion by B Tilseth to levy \$150,000.00 for the general fund. Seconded by J Muscato, motion called, motion carried.

New Business:

G Silverness would like to see more amenities in the Park for youth.

Motion D Frame to have the 2017 Annual Meeting at the New Market Township Hall on the second Tuesday of March. Seconded by Mohn, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Huntington to adjourn at 10:50 PM. Seconded by Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator

Clerk

Leroy Clausen



LEROY CLAUSEN
Clerk, New Market Twtnsho., Scott Co., Minnesota
Notaria: Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My term is indeterminate