

March 14, 2006

Unapproved Minutes

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

The Clerk asked for nominations for Moderator.

Motion by Anderson to nominate Doug Quast, seconded by David Frame.

Motion by John Macho to nominate Harry Anderson, seconded by LeRoy Clausen.

Clerk asked for any more nominations three times, there were none and so Clerk declared nominations closed.

Paper ballots were handed out for the people to vote for moderator.

After the votes were counted the results were, Quast 16 and Anderson 12.

Doug Quast was elected to be the Moderator..

The Moderator read the minutes from the 2005 Annual Meeting.

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

* Next, the Moderator read the Annual Election results. For Supervisor, LeRoy Clausen 48 votes, all others 8 votes. For Clerk, Albert Zweber 50 votes, all others 6 votes. LeRoy Clausen was elected Supervisor for a 3 year term and Albert Zweber was elected Clerk for a 2 year term.

* Next, LeRoy Clausen gave the road report as follows--

All gravel roads were graveled in the last 2 years -- $\frac{1}{2}$ in 2004 and $\frac{1}{2}$ in 2005. We put 16 -- 25 ton loads per mile. Seal coating was done on 2.7 miles, Forest Ridge, France Cr. Southern Oaks, Emerald Lane, Opal Court and Logan Ave. Plateau Dr. was re-surfaced.

We replaced 12 Street signs. Two culverts were put in, one on 270th & Dakota and one on Penn Ave. & Logan Way. We did about 10 miles of brush cutting on the worst roads.

Dustcoating -- we do a 12 foot swath by 200 ft. ahead of each residence. For 2006 now we will be sealcoating about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, will do Wagon Wheel, Livery Lane and Norway Hills. Will be putting in 2 culverts, one on Jonquil and one on Logan Way. Dustcoating will be done the same way and will start all over again graveling the roads.

Also in 2005 the Land owners of 230th St. East blacktopped that Street.

* The Moderator asked if there was any old business. Discussion came up about the building on the park land, the Town Hall. LeRoy Clausen explained it as follows --

so far we spent about \$42,000.00. \$38,000.00 for the Architect, \$1,500.00. Sco meetings, permits etc. and for legal, engineer, surveyor. The sewer mound should be \$10,000.00 as will the well system. The building itself is around \$700,000.00 including the dirt work. Then theres office furniture of about \$3,000.00. The yearly estimated expense is about \$2,000.00 for heat, \$1,200.00 for electricity, \$400.00 for telephone, and cleaning and maintainance around \$1,200.00. As far as income, if we rent it out for various functions could bring in about \$5,000.00 per year.

Someone asked about insurance? Were told that the Township Association will be getting this. The Park land itself has liability insurance now.

Another question, what is the time line for the building? Were told that as soon as the frost is out in May work will begin and should take about 3 to 4 months.

The building itself is a two story and is similar to the Eureka Townhall, it is the same Architect. Another question, where will the driveway entrance be will it be from County 91 or 230th St? Were told that it will be from 230th St. and in time there will be two entrances.

Harry Anderson who with others sent out survey papers as to what the park should have in it. He showed the results of that survey. It was a small percentage that returned them and there were quite a few suggestions.

Then there was discussion about raising the Park fee that is charged when a house permit is issued.

Motion by Luke Friendshuh to have the Board look into changing the fee for the Park Fund when a house permit is issued, seconded by Cindy Helmberger, motion called, motion carried.

Next were the levies --

Road & Bridge -- amount proposed was \$300,000.00

The expense last year was approx. \$340,000.00 and we must levy at least \$233,165.00 according to the County to get the money.

There was discussion here about having a cushion to go on in case we have a bad year.

We probably need more lime rock on the roads as they get traveled a lot more. Also we need new culverts. Motion by John Macho to levy \$235,000.00, Moderator called for a second three times, there was none, Moderator declared motion failed for lack of a second.

There was more discussion about expenses going up, dustcoating, gravel, hauling etc. and that we do need some carry-over.

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Motion by Lori Clausen to levy \$300,000.00 for Road & Bridge, seconded by Bruce Friedges, motion called, motion carried, 1 nay.

* Next- General Fund -- proposed \$50,000.00

There was discussion about what this fund is used for. Were told that it takes care of per-diem, legal fees, insurance, legal publishings etc.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to levy \$50,000.00 for General Fund, seconded by Gary Christensen, motion called, motion carried.

* Next- Fire Fund -- proposed \$150,000.00

Question asked was why we need \$150,000.00. They were told that it is for the Fire contract with the City of New Market and for the Rescue Truck payment. And also at one time we were short and transfered money from another fund and it should get paid back.

Motion by Anderson to levy \$150,000.00 for Fire Fund, seconded by Bruce Mohn, motion called, motion carried.

* The Ambulance Fund was next-- proposed was \$10,000.00

We have two services, New Prague and Northfield. New Prague is about \$3,200.00 and Northfield is going to raise to about 25¢ per person.

Motion by Joel Helmberger to levy \$10,000.00 for Ambulance Fund, seconded by George Silverness, motion called, motion carried.

* Then it was asked as to where to publish our legal notices. It has been done in the New Prague Times and the Lakeville Life & Times.

Here there was a question asked if every household in the Township is covered by at least one of these papers and were told that "yes" they were.

Motion by LeRoy Clausen to publish in the same two papers, The New Prague Times and the Lakeville Life & Times, seconded by Joel Helmberger, motion called, motion carried.

* Next, there was a request by John Macho to have every meeting video taped because he wants to review the meetings that he misses. There was some discussion here as to cost etc.

Motion by John Macho to video tape all Township meetings, seconded by Luke Friendshuh, motion called, oral vote first, the Moderator then called for a show of hands on this motion, 5 were for & 25 opposed, motion denied declared by Moderator.

* Moderator asked for a motion to close the Annual Meeting of March 14, 2006 at 9:30 p.m., so moved by Zweber to adjourn the Annual Meeting of March 14, 2006 at 9:30 p.m. seconded by John Nacho, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator

Albert Zweber
Township Clerk

Levies

General	50,000	9.8%
R & B	300,000	58.8%
Fire	150,000	29.4%
Ambulance	10,000	2.0%
	510,000	100.0%