

## NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP

### ANNUAL MEETING

March 13, 2012

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Clerk requested nominations for Moderator. Clausen Nominated Kaufman for Moderator. Seconded by D. Larson. Motion called. Motion carried. The Clerk requested nominations three more times. There were no more nominations. Kaufman was declared Moderator.

Moderator presented the results of the Election:

225 total votes.

Joel Helmberger received 177 votes for a 3 year term as Supervisor Seat 1.

Becky Larson received 168 votes for a 2 year term as Supervisor Seat 4.

Marko Popovich received 133 votes for a 3 year term as Supervisor Seat 5.

LeRoy Clausen received 195 votes for a 2 year term as Clerk.

The Clerk read the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion by Chlan to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Mohn, motion called, motion carried.

The Moderator read the minutes of the Audit Report for 2011.

Silverness presented the Road Report. Gravel on Township roads cost Approximately \$85,000 for 12 miles of road in 2011. Plan to spend \$90,000 for gravel in 2012. Dust Coating cost approx \$33,000 in 2011 and expect approx the same cost for 2012. George also commented on the frost boil problems and the flooding problems during the spring of 2011. A high number of culverts had to be replaced, mainly on 235<sup>th</sup> St, 250<sup>th</sup> St, 270<sup>th</sup> St, and Vernon Blvd. George commented on the intent to do more crack sealing and less seal coating on black top roads. A non-township individual was visiting the Seykora residence on 270<sup>th</sup> St and damaged her car on the muddy road. She presented a claim to the Township for \$2800.00 in damage. George also mentioned the mortgage on the Road Grader being paid.

Helmberger presented the Fire Dept report. The Fire Dept has not made a decision on a Ladder Truck. There is a potential need for one with the new four story apartment building. The fund for capital equipment is still being considered. The Township's share of the Fire Dept is approximately 53% with a cost of \$139,000.00.

Helmberger presented the Park report with assistance from Bruce Tilseth. During 2011 the Board authorized the Park committee to spend up to \$75,000.00 on Park equipment and buildings. The Picnic Shelter is complete with tables and stationary grills. The electrical power has been installed and an

entrance sign has been ordered. There were questions from the residents on attendance, trails being asphalt surface, history of the land, planting of more trees, and are horses allowed? A resident has donated money to purchase and install a Disc Golf Game. Joel and Bruce gave a short lesson on installation of golf baskets and how it is played.

Levies:

Board recommended \$ 150,000.00 for General Fund. Motion by B Mohn to levy \$150,000.00 for the General Fund. Seconded by R Maddox, motion called, motion carried.

Board recommended \$400,000.00 for Road and Bridge. There was discussion on what happens to the money if not spent on roads, the need for rebuilding roads, and the suggestion the Board develop a plan for upgrading gravel roads. Motion by L Clausen to levy \$450,000.00 for Road and Bridge. Seconded by B Larson. Motion called, a show of hands was requested, 15 yes votes, 12 no votes, motion carried.

Board recommended \$175,000.00 for Fire Contract. There was discussion on why \$175,000.00 was requested when the contract is for \$140,000.00. It was explained that it was inadvertently under funded two years ago and the fund has had a negative balance and the request is for make up. J Macho made a motion to levy \$150,000.00 for the Fire Fund. D Frame seconded, motion called, motion carried.

Board recommended \$0 for the Ambulance Fund. Motion by D Larson to levy \$0.00 for the Ambulance Fund. Seconded by M Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Board recommended \$40,000.00 for the Park Fund. Discussion on the Park Some thought the \$1000.00 new building permit fee should support the Park. Motion by D Quast to levy \$0.00 for the Park. Seconded by J Macho, motion called, a show of hands was requested, 12 yes votes, 11 no votes, motion carried.

Motion by J Macho to video record all Township meetings. Seconded by K Pop, motion called, a show of hands was requested, 8 yes votes, 10 no votes, motion failed.

Motion by D Frame to have the next Annual Meeting at 8:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March, 2013. Seconded by G Silverness, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by C Helmberger to place legal notices in the New Prague Times and the Lakeville Times. Seconded by G Silverness, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by D Frame to adjourn at 11:00 PM. Seconded by D Rominski, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator

Clerk

