

NEW MARKET TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 10, 2015

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. There were none. J Macho was declared moderator.

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

Clerk read the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting. Motion by A. Lewis to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by J. Muscato, motion called, motion carried.

Clerk read 2014 audit report.

Clerk presented the results of the annual election:

54 total votes

Joel Helmberger received 47 votes for Supervisor seat 1, (3 year term)

Marko Popovich received 52 votes for Supervisor Seat 5, (3 year term)

David Frame received 51 votes for Treasurer, (2 year term)

Moderator asked for input on donating money to the Scott County Historical Society – The Historical Society would like for the Township to contribute \$.50 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. There was discussion on what the Historical Society is and how it is funded. Several people thought they should have a representative here to explain. Moderator asked for a show of hands for approval. Failed to get a majority.

Mohn presented the Road Report. Brent showed pictures of branches hanging over the road, the road shoulder work, broken black top, and culvert replacement. He explained the need for shoulder work to get the water to run off the road. Explained the replay procedure done on a couple of roads that uses a more flexible material that will not crack as easily from weather extremes. Talked about the creek bank stabilization along Porter Creek. The sign replacement program has started but is not complete. Projects for the future, use of herbicides for vegetation in the right of way, replace 35,000 sq ft of black top for an estimated cost of \$165,000.00. replace broken asphalt curbs with cement. P Mahowald questioned where bridge was located. It was explained that it is a culvert on Jonquil Ave where Porter Creek flows. J. Pierrer had questions on the money carry over in the Road and Bridge fund and the availability of grants for black topping roads. P Mahowald wanted to know what fund received the money from the sale of the grader. Motion by J Pierrer to levy \$650,000.00, \$450,000.00 for road maintenance and \$200,000.00 for road improvements for the Road and Bridge fund. Seconded by M. Marrick, motion called, motion carried.

Helmberger presented the Fire Dept report. The Fire contract is for \$161,411.00 for 2015. This is an increase of approximately \$2,000.00 from last year. The Township's share is approximately 53% of the total cost. Fire Fighter's pensions are well funded. The City has a problem getting volunteers and the amount of time it takes to get the Fire Fighters trained. Fire Department would like to get two new pieces of equipment. A Ladder Truck at a cost of \$800,000.00 and a new Tanker Truck at a cost of \$300,000.00. The Ladder Truck is needed for the four story buildings and for applying water directly to the top of buildings. The Tanker Truck is a replacement for a present Tanker Truck. J Pierrer thinks the Ladder Truck will be of no use to the Township and Fire Dept should look for a used one. D Setterholm brought up the problem of getting a ladder truck into resident's driveways. R Mattox suggests the Fire Dept take on additional territory. The greater distance would reduce response time. The recommended levy considers the additional yearly payment of \$83,000.00 for the new equipment. Motion by J Muscato to levy \$248,000.00 for the Fire Fund. Seconded by Mohn, motion called, motion failed. (6yes, 12 no) Motion by Huntington to levy \$200,000.00 for the Fire Fund. Seconded by Mohn, motion called, motion passed.

Larson presented the Park Report. A professional planner was hired to establish what a Park should look like and the approximate cost of a park. Some of the long range suggestions are: Build a dock by the lake, relocate the parking lot, moving the playground equipment, and build a boardwalk by the swamp. D Setterholm maintains she and most other people have their own park and a Township Park is not needed, P Mahowald would like it turned over to the County or Three Rivers Park system. G Aaker suggests doing another survey to see what the residents want. There is currently \$132,000.00 in the Park Fund. Motion J Macho to levy 0 dollars for the Park Fund. Seconded by J Pierrer, motion called, motion carried.

Frame presented the Financial Report. The General Fund is over \$200,000.00. Propose to levy \$20,000.00 for the Fund and reduce the carry over at the end of 2015. Motion by J Pierrer to Levy \$20,000.00 for the General Fund. Seconded by D Setterholm, motion called, motion carried.

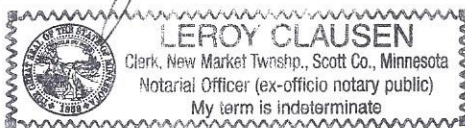
Motion by G Aaker to have the 2016 Annual Meeting at the New Market Township Hall on the second Tuesday of March. Seconded by Mohn, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by G Aaker to have a new start time of 8:05 PM for the Annual Meeting. Seconded by J Pierrer, motion called, motion carried.

Motion by Huntington to adjourn at 11:00 PM. Seconded by Popovich, motion called, motion carried.

Moderator

Clerk

Leroy K. Clausen

LERROY CLAUSEN
Clerk, New Market Twtnshp., Scott Co., Minnesota
Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My term is indeterminate