

Annual Township Meeting Minutes **Tuesday March 08, 2022**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Attendance: Clerk Ruggles called the 2022 Annual Township Meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed the residents to the meeting and provided an overview on what was in their packets and what types of items they can authorize at this meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes and those in attendance included Dave Johnson, Bob Johnson, Greg Booth, Arlene Schmit, John Wulff, David Winkelman, Lisa Fletcher, Jennifer Paananen, Pat Cox, Brian Smith, Greg Ringler (Pillager Fire Chief), Terry Quick, Sandie Barnett, Keith Card, Les McClelland, Greg Bennett, Bryan Welk (Cass Co Sheriff's Office), Eric Alger (Cass Co Sheriff's Office), RuthAnn Ray, Gene Leibel, Lydia Marohn, and Maria Plattner (Family Safety Network).

Moderator: Mr. Dave Johnson moved to nominate Mr. John Wulff as Moderator for the Annual Meeting. As there were not any more nominations Ms. Arlene Schmit moved to cease nominations, seconded by Mr. Keith Card and the motion carried.

Mr. Keith Card moved to install Mr. John Wulff as the moderator for the 2022 Annual Township Meeting, seconded by Ms. Sandie Barnett and the motion carried.

Mr. John Wulff came forward to review the agenda.

Clerk/Treasurers Report:

- **2021 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Mr. David Winkelman moved to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Dave Johnson and the motion carried.
- **2021 Draft Annual Financials** were available for review.

Town Status Reports for 2021: Reports from the Pillager Area Fire Association, Sylvan's Planning Commission, Pillager Lake Park Board, Sylvan's Road Supervisors, and an article from Sylvan's Winter Newsletter were all provided in the Annual Meeting packets. Pillager Fire Chief Ringler gave a report and answered some questions for the residents as well as Cass County Chief Deputy Bryan Welk was here to provide a report from the Sheriff's Office and answer questions for the residents.

Items to Consider:

- **Sylvan Township Clean-Up Day** – Residents in attendance were not in favor of a Township Clean-Up Day.
- **Cass County Historical Society** – did not provide a membership request this year, but Mr. Dave Johnson moved to continue our membership with Cass County Historical Society at \$250.00, seconded by Mr. Keith Card and the motion carried.
- **Cass County Historical Society Museum** – provided a request for a 'Free Day' at the Museum. Mr. Greg Bennett moved to donate the \$150 for a 'Free Day' at the Historical Society Museum, seconded by Mr. Terry Quick and the motion carried.
- **Cass County Ag Society (Fair Board)** – Mr. Greg Booth moved to donate \$5,000.00 to the Cass County Ag Society for 2022, seconded by Mr. Keith Card and the motion carried.



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- **Lakes Area Dive Team** – Mr. Greg Bennett **moved to donate \$1,200.00 to the Lakes Area Dive Team for 2022**, seconded by Ms. Sandie Barnett and the motion carried.
- **Family Safety Network** – Ms. Maria Plattner was here to provide a report from The Family Safety Network that Sylvan Township has a Contract for Service with each year. The Board of Supervisors will vote at their next meeting on those Contracts for Services, March 17th, 2022.

Tax Levies for 2023:

- **General Fund** – Mr. Dave Johnson **moved to approve \$135,000 for the General Fund Levy in 2023**, seconded by Mr. Keith Card and the motion carried.
- **Road & Bridge Fund** – Ms. Arlene Schmit **moved to approve \$500,000 for the Road & Bridge Fund Levy in 2023**, seconded by Mr. Terry Quick and the motion carried.
- **Fire Fund** – Ms. Sandie Barnett **moved to approve \$92,000 for the Fire Fund Levy in 2023**, seconded by Mr. Greg Booth and the motion carried with one objection.

The total for the 2023 Levies is set at \$727,000.00.

Set Annual Meeting for 2023: Mr. Keith Card **moved to set the Annual Meeting for 2023 on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 7pm**, seconded by Ms. Arlene Schmit and the motion carried.

Other Township Business: Included a question regarding the MN Power Solar Project which Mr. Dave Johnson was able to provide some background on the project. Mr. Winkelman complimented our Road Maintenance Contractor on the well done plowing this winter and several others agreed.

Adjournment: Ms. Arlene Schmit **moved to adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Keith Card and the motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by,

Jenna Ruggles, Clerk

Moderator – John Wulff

These minutes will be reviewed and approved on March 14, 2023, but for now they are available for review purposes only.

Date: 03.10.2023