

March 14, 2017 @ 7pm**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING**

The Annual Township meeting was called to order by clerk A. Anderson. Thirty three residents signed the roster and eight non-residents were also present. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk asked for a nomination for moderator. Bev Westby made a motion to nominate Terry Havir as moderator. Michael Blassey seconded, and all were in favor.

Minutes from the 2016 Annual meeting were reviewed by all. Michael Blassey made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Merle Roberts seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurers' Report - Dominic Henderson reviewed the 2016 annual financial report. Beginning balance for 2016 was \$701,546.61, receipts were \$656,683.81 and disbursements were \$682,561.17. Year-end balance for 2016 was \$675,669.25. Within the financial booklet is a list of all receipts and disbursements, along with the 2018 budget for each fund. Kris Havir made a motion to accept the annual financial report, Michael Blassey seconded. All were in favor.

Crosslake Police Report - Officer Chief Bob Hartman reported on 443 calls for 2016, the majority of which were traffic related. Crosslake provides 24 hours of police service per week. Chief mentioned the Property Watch forms when residents leave on vacation or for the winter and are available on the township web site. Jim Roach wanted to say 'Thank You' to the chief for his many years of service as he will be retiring this year.

Mission Fire Report - Chief Randy Roach gave a media presentation; there were 91 calls for 2016. There are 22 firefighters on the roster, 10 of which are fire/1st responder. There has been some new gear and a vehicle purchased. Newly appointed officers are Shane Johnson and Eric Makowski. Chief schedules 96 hours of training per year. All firefighters are licensed thru the State of Minn. Events on the calendar for 2017 are the Fire Fair, July 15th, 11am-4pm. There will also be an Open House and a Pancake Breakfast with dates to come. Some grants that Mission Fire Dept. have applied for include: FEMA grant, Central Minn. EMS grant, DPS grant. Chief discussed the 'Duty Crew' program to help with daytime coverage, pointing out some emergency medical facts on why to consider the program. Other benefits – training classes for citizens, will also help retain current firefighters. 'Duty Crew' would consist of a 2 person crew from 7am-3pm, at \$10 per hour, \$41,600 year. There was discussion. Bev Westby wanted to say 'Thank You' to all firefighters for their service.

Road & Bridge Report – Jim Roach stated that Mission Cut-Off and Mission Way had been resurfaced. Jim Roach would like to see the township replace all the mailboxes to the 'Break Away' posts, at the townships expense. For the 2017-18 snow seasons we have pre-ordered salt from the county.

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There was discussion about plowing, plow truck etc. As a reminder, this spring there will be Right of Way clean-up.

Park & Recreation Report – Michael Blassey wanted to thank all who are recycling their aluminum cans, over \$800 has been collected for the park fund. There have been over 500 trees planted at the park, along with pollinators with grant funds. An addition was

put on to the current storage shed and Pickle Ball was new for 2016. The Independence Day Parade will be on July 1. Tennis courts will be resurfaced this year.

Comprehensive Plan/Website – Terry Havir reviewed the high points of the 2014 survey; building for the plow truck, updating-improvements to the town hall. Magnets with the township website were handed out at the 2016 parade. Early figures, we are seeing about 200 hits a month on the website.

Old Business – There was nothing to discuss.

New Business – The 2018 Levy	General Fund	\$202,000	\$132,000
	Road & Bridge	111,650	
	Park	37,950	
	Fire Operations	137,000	
	Total 2018 Levy	\$488,600	\$418,600

The 2018 Levy was reviewed by all. Moderator asked for discussion. Jeff Schommer questioned the capital outlay of \$70,000 within the general budget and requested that it be removed. Schommer felt those funds were for the purchase of township land which is now paid off. Jim Roach stated that keeping those funds in the budget would help with other projects, such as a building for the plow truck. Gary Stacken asked ‘Why should the residents be the bank?’ Discussion continued on both sides - in favor of removing the \$70,000 from the budget and just keeping it within the budget. After much discussion Jeff Schommer made a motion to decrease the general budget by \$70,000, seconded by Chad Harding. Additional discussion continued. Moderator Havir called for a vote on the motion. There were 17 Yea’s to decrease the general budget by \$70,000 and 15 Nay’s. Motion carried. Discussion continued regarding the decreasing of the budget. With the motion already passed to decrease the budget, Michael Blassey made a motion to accept the Total 2018 Levy of \$418,600, Jeff Schommer seconded. Motion carried with a majority vote and possible 3-4 nays.

There were many questions regarding a building. It was stated that there should be a formal process when spending funds over a given limit. There was a request for volunteers to head a financial committee. Chad Harding, Dustin Foss, Jeff Schommer and Butch Voight stated they would be on said committee.

Jeff Schommer questioned if the township could possibly save money by contracting fire management to a larger municipality. There was additional discussion.

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Motion was made by Shelly Fuller to set the time and location for the March 13, 2018 Annual meeting; 7:00pm at Mission Town Hall, seconded by Bob Young. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Michael Blassey to recess the Annual meeting until the September 5, 2017 regular meeting, seconded by Jim Wheeler. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Anderson

Terry Havir

Clerk

Moderator