

March 10, 2020 @ 7:00pm

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

Clerk A. Anderson called the meeting to order. Thirty-three residents signed the roster.

Clerk asked for nominations from the floor for a moderator. Terry Havir nominated Bob Steele; Jeff Schommer nominated Jon Auge. Clerk asked for a hand raised vote with a majority voting for Jon Auge.

Moderator Jon Auge reviewed the agenda and minutes from the March 12, 2019 Annual Meeting. J. Auge called for a **motion (1)** to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2019 Annual Meeting, so moved by Merle Roberts, seconded by Keith Twombly. All were in favor, motion carried.

Audited Financial Report – Treasurer Dominic Henderson reviewed a beginning balance of \$913,702.11; receipts for 2019 had been \$1,314,024.71. Approved disbursements for 2019 were \$1,090,960.18; leaving an ending balance as of 12-31-2019 of \$1,136,766.64.

Crosslake Police Report – Police Chief Erik Lee reported on 580 calls. Contracting with Crosslake Police Dept. we receive 24 to 28 hours of service a week.

Mission Fire Dept. Report – Fire Chief Eric Makowski reported on 152 calls; 13 in Pelican, 14 mutual aid, 35 in Center and 90 in Mission Township. There are currently 22 members. Chief stated they do over 2200 hours of EMS/Fire/Rescue training each year. Goals for 2020 – Recruitment, Improve Staffing Models, Continued Collaboration, Continue to Improve Response Tactics, Improved Community Outreach and Staff Development. Some Fire Relief events – Fire Fair July 18th; BINGO at the Brainerd Legion; Pancake Breakfast & Open House.

Road & Bridge Report – Dave Hauser wanted to say ‘Thank You’ to Merle Roberts and Larry Roberts for the good job on plowing the roads. Larry Roberts is able to do some of the service work needed and house the plow truck. There was discussion regarding a new plow truck. D. Hauser stated he was working to obtain proper mandated specifications. D. Hauser reported that the Pavement Management Plan was in place, we will be meeting with Bolton & Menk to discuss the Plan on June 15 @ 7:00pm, this is a public meeting. There was continued discussion regarding the plow truck, contracting the plowing, etc. D. Hauser stated they are looking at a new plow truck and keeping the old plow as a back-up.

Park Report – Carl Anderson stated they are continuing to make improvements. The group is looking for grants for a ‘Pickle Ball’ court. Martha Steel stated that the Annual Parade will be moved to the 3rd Saturday in June. With so much going on over the 4th of July, it was thought this might work better to ‘Start the Summer Off’; June 20th. There was mention of funds needed to be approved for this event. Candi Fuller made **motion (2)** to approve \$500 to be used for June 20th parade, seconded by Terry Havir. All were in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Schommer had prepared ‘Highlights from 2019’, which are attached.

New Business – There was discussion regarding a raise for the ‘Fire Relief’ members. D. Hauser stated Mission was in the top 68% as to the town contributions, they are looking at other areas to help, such as insurance. D. Hauser also stated it was a work in progress.

Jim Roach addressed a question – was there interest in having a 5-member board versus a 3-member board. There was discussion. Carl Anderson made a **motion (3)** to address the topic of a 5-member board versus a 3-member board on the April Regular meeting agenda, seconded by Randy Roach. Majority was in favor, motion carried.

Moderator asked for a **motion (4)** to approve the **Proposed 2021 Levy of \$400,000**, so moved by Jeff Schommer, seconded by Mick Seeker. Discussion – Jim Roach stated there should be an increase for potential projects. Jeff Schommer discussed briefly the reason for the ‘spend down plan’, stating the external auditor concluded that a town only needs 6 months in reserve. There was further discussion regarding additional funding for fire and roads. After 30 minutes of discussion Carl Anderson ‘called for a question’, seconded by Merle Roberts. Majority in favor. **Motion to Approve the Proposed 2021 Levy of \$400,000. Majority in favor, motion carried.**

Carl Anderson made a **motion (5)** to set the time and location for the March 9, 2021 Annual Meeting; 7:00pm at the Mission Town Hall, seconded by Roxie Roberts. All were in favor, motion carried.

Jim Roach made a **motion (6)** to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:30pm, seconded by Erik Lee. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Anderson
Clerk

Jon Auge
Moderator

*******March 10, 2020 Annual Meeting minutes are unapproved until the Annual Meeting on March 9,2021 @ 7:00pm, Mission Town Hall *******