

**Pine Lake Township**  
**Annual Meeting 2015**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all. The March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Annual meeting was called to order. Marlene Johnson made a motion to appoint Tom Tomporowski as the meeting moderator. Dean Simpson seconded the motion.

Susan Schmid read the minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting. A correction was made to the donation recipients as follows: \$600 PACC, \$600 Library, \$600 EOT Fair and \$600 to the History and Cultural Association (HCAC). Minutes were approved as amended.

Ken Guck gave the Financial Report, the financial report was approved as read.

Ed Roberts gave the Supervisors report; the township gravel roads are in good shape. The gravel pit is empty so the township will need to purchase additional gravel to crush. 455<sup>th</sup> Street has been rebuilt and the new Matz Creek culvert has been installed. The board has been working on the paving project for the Nitch Lake Road, Whispering Sands Lane and Whispering Sands Trail. The Supervisors will drive the roads this spring to check on the condition of the roads. The Supervisors report was approved as read.

The suggested levy for 2015 is as follows

\$35,000 General Fund

\$30,000 Fire

\$200,000 Road and Bridge

Joe Hemmelgarn made a motion to approve the levy; Paul Kloster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2014 Gopher bounty has been at \$2.50 and Beaver at 25.00 (with Township Board Approval). Joe Hemmelgarn made a motion to keep the bounty payments the same; Henry Johnson seconded the motion.

Donation Requests:

Marlene Johnson requested a donation for the Friends of the Library. The Library had 2,709 checkouts in 2014. Summer reading programs and some new library purchases are planned for 2015. Marlene also reported the Library has an estimate of \$514,000 in wall repairs and mold removal. They have a \$257,000 grant from the state and a \$100,000 anonymous donation to help cover this project.

Trish McCarthur requested a donation for the NYM Cultural Center. They provide arts programming for students in NYM and Perham Schools from K to 12. Also through the Continental Divide Folk School Communities can take classes in gardening, cooking, ecology, woodworking, and other cultural events.

Darlene Ellingson requested a donation for the History Arts and Cultural Association. The HACA supports the ITOW Museum and events, Theatrical Events, Photo Essay Competition, many programs for children, Historic Walking Tours, Genealogy Workshops, Local Author Speaker Series, the Pioneer Fest, Art Shows and many other activities. They have restructured the ITOW and there are spaces for rent in this building. The Pioneer Village and HACA Arts and Events Gallery are available for rent for special occasions.

Monique Rossow requested a donation for the East Ottertail Fair and the Ag Society. The fair a great opportunity for youth and community members to compete in many varied completions. It is also a time for the community to come together to enjoy the displays and events at the grandstands.

Tom Tomporowski requested a donation for the PACC. The PACC provides our summer recreation programs for our youth.

Trish McClure made a motion for the township to donate \$552 to each of the five groups requesting donations. Larry Bucholz seconded the motion. Dean Simpson amended the motion to continue the 1% allocation from the total tax receipts, donate \$600.00 to each requester and to take the remainder from the general fund. Marlene Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Hemmelgarn gave a brief report from the Hospital Board; the hospital is negotiating a new five year contract with Sanford. Construction planned for the Perham Living Center is a new central entrance, add a rehab and therapy area and gut the old Ob and ER area to be used as a memory care facility. A second Briar Wood facility is also a possibility.

Bob Schielman with Apex Engineering gave a short recap on the Nitche Lake Road paving project. In April Apex will advertise for bids. An Assessment hearing is planned in October.

There was a lot of discussion on the paving project. Ed reported that a letter to poll the property owners that would be assessed for the paving project have been sent out. The letters need to be returned by March 31<sup>st</sup> and at the April regular Township Board meeting the results will be discussed.

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15 pm.

Trish McClure made a motion to adjourn, Henry Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election Results:

Treasurer elected - Ken Guck 34 votes

Supervisor elected – Ed Roberts 25 votes

Write-in candidate for Supervisor – John Guck 8 votes