

Pine Lake Township

Annual Meeting

March 14th 2023

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all. The March 14th, 2023 Annual meeting was called to order. Susan asked for nominations for moderator. Tim made a motion to nominate Ed Roberts. No other nominations were made. Tim called for a yay or nay voice vote. Nomination carried.

Election results were Bob Sieling 19 votes for Supervisor 3 year term. Al Starzel 20 votes for interim Supervisor position. Ken Guck 16 votes for 2 year Treasurer position. No write in votes were received.

Clerk, Susan Schmid read the 2023 Election Notice.

Clerk, Susan Schmid read the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, Russ P made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob S seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Ken Guck read the financial report. Bob S made a motion to approve the report, Tim L seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tim L gave the Supervisors report; Tim thanked all the township officers and residents attending the annual meeting. Tim also thanked the township road maintenance group. He has received many positive comments on the road maintenance and conditions over the past year. Each year Township officers attend 12 regular meetings, 4 Fire and EMS meeting, 2 Regional and 1 Annual meetings, Equalization meeting, weed meeting, the certification - reorganization and audit meetings, conduct the elections and conduct road tours, the roads are primarily in good shape. Last year repairs were done on 2.2 miles on the River Road, installed a new culvert on 460th, dug out and paved 2 depressions on the Mosquito Heights Road and 1 on 445th. Completed crack sealing, tree trimming, brushing, weed spraying and a lot of snow plowing. The discussion on building a new town hall or adding on to the existing town hall were tabled due to the high construction costs. In 2023 the spring road tour will determine where road work, crack sealing and chip sealing is needed. One tentative big project will be graveling on northeast side of the township. Calcium chloride will be applied where needed.

Current Levy Amounts:

- General Fund \$30,000
- Road and Bridge \$200,000
- Fire and Rescue \$35,000

Tim stated there have not been any increases in the levy in about 15 years. Reminded the group that financially they need to think a year in advance on levy funds. Tim suggested to raise the levy \$50,000, putting an additional \$45,000 in the Road & Bridge and \$5,000 in the Fire fund. Road and Bridge projects continue to rise in costs and do not slow down. Ken stated that the EMS has been losing money and will eventually need support from the townships. EMS losses are due mainly the Medicare reimbursements

and increases in wages. Gerald F made a motion to increase the levy, Russ P seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Levy amounts:

General Fund \$30,000

Road & Bridge \$245,000

Fire \$40,000

The Gopher bounty has been at \$3.00 and Beaver at \$25.00 (with Township Board Approval). A motion was made by Bob S to keep the gopher and beaver bounty payments the same, motion was seconded by Ben P. Motion carried.

The date was set for the 2024 Annual Meeting on March 12th at 8:15 pm.

Ken made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2023 Donation Requests:

Empowering Kids; Kurt Schroeer

East Ottertail Agriculture Society; Andy Brightenfelt

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center; Betsy Roder

Perham Area Public Library; Jim Johnson

Perham Pickle Ball; Laura Becker

Russ P made a motion to donate six hundred dollars to each group, Ed R seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken will check into State Statutes to verify that the township can make a donation to Pickle Ball.

Ken G made a motion to adjourn; Tim L seconded the motion. Motion carried; 2023 Annual Meeting adjourned.