

Pine Lake Township

Annual Meeting

March 12th 2024

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all. The March 12th, 2024 Annual meeting was called to order. Susan asked for nominations for moderator. Larry B made a motion to nominate Tom Tomporowski. No other nominations were made. Susan called for a yay or nay voice vote. Nomination carried.

Election results were Al Starzl 26 votes for Supervisor 3 year term. Susan Schmid 26 votes for 2 year Clerk position. Write in votes for the one year interim Supervisor position Pete Snortum 23 votes and Mark Myer 1 vote for the one year interim Supervisor position.

Clerk, Susan Schmid read the 2024 Election Notice.

Clerk, Susan Schmid read the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, Kathy H made a motion to approve the minutes, and Jerome M seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

Treasurer, Ken Guck read the financial report. Dale W made a motion to approve the report, Kathy H seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

Bob S gave the Supervisors report; gravel and chloride were placed on 455th, 428th was reshaped and graveled. Contractor gave the township gravel to use on Cranberry to rebuild the road from their trucks running there. A road tour will determine where road work, crack sealing and chip sealing is needed in 2024. Bob commended Curt O Kurt S on maintaining the roads. Russ P asked about 428th and Joe H asked about Minnesota Street. The Supervisors will check into those roads and determine what is needed.

2024 Donation Requests:

Empowering Kids; Kurt Schroeer

East Ottertail Agriculture Society; Andy Breitenfeldt

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center; Betsy Roder

Perham Area Public Library; Tom Tomporowski

Jerome M made a motion to donate \$750 to each group. Larry B seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

Ken Guck gave an update on the Perham Area EMS. Pine Lake Township. Pine Lake Township's financial contribution approved by the EMS Joint Power Board is \$34,432 and is due in two payments in April and October. The 2023 losses made up the majority of deficient, Medicare reimbursements and other factors including increase in wages and overtime, contracted medics, and reduced revenue from a lower than expected call volume.

Bob S presented a proposed town hall building addition on the front side of the hall. The Board would like to keep the addition simple adding some additional meeting space, one bathroom, storage area, handicap accessible entry, water and sewer. The Board would use the ARPA funds. Dale made a motion to approve. Russ P seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

Current Levy Amounts:

- General Fund \$30,000
- Road and Bridge \$245,000
- Fire and Rescue \$40,000

Ken and the Board suggested to keep the total Levy amount the same but shift some dollars around in order to cover the EMS payment.

Suggested 2025 Levy \$315,000

- General Fund \$10,000
- Road and Bridge \$245,000
- Fire and Rescue \$60,000

Larry B made a motion to approve those Levy amounts. Russ P seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

The Gopher bounty has been at \$3.00 and Beaver at \$25.00 (with Township Board Approval). A motion was made by Ben P to raise the gopher bounty to \$3.50 and beaver bounty payments stay the same. Motion was seconded by Dale W. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

The date was set for the 2025 Annual Meeting on March 11th at 8:05 pm.

Ken made a motion to approve, Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote.

Larry B made a motion to adjourn; Russ P seconded the motion. Motion carried with an aye/nay voice vote; 2024 Annual Meeting adjourned.