

ANNUAL MEETING March 10, 2020

The Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:33 p.m.

There was a nomination for Robert Rotty to be the moderator for the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by John Bremer

Seconded by Larry Neuman

All Ayes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Karla Bingham, State Senator, attended the Annual Meeting. Karla talked about some of the Bills that are being presented for the Economic Development and Safety. Listed below are some bullet points talked about by Karla Bingham

- Karla is working with Senator Bruce Anderson regarding the Annexation Bill for Townships to provide more notice in transparency. Karla suggested if anyone has questions regarding Annexation Rules and Regulations, they should contact David Hahn, who is from the Minnesota Township Association. It was suggested by Karla Bingham to have David Hahn from the Township Association come to one of the monthly township meetings to have him explain/inform
- Karla introduced a Bill to add to the Speed Limit Statute to include townships
- Karla is also working on a Bill with John and Janet Bremer to have milk as a default beverage in children's meals.
- Approval of \$21 million dollars was passed to be taken from the Emergency Fund for the COVID-19 to help pay for staff, testing, equipment, etc. for local and public health officials through the Department of Health's recommendations

Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner, was also in attendance. Listed below are some of the topics/issues that were discussed

- The County Budget was passed for \$450 million dollars. Dakota County is the 2nd lowest County Tax Rate in the State of MN
- Updates were given on the County Budget, for example, what is being allotted for road maintenance, etc.
- Working with Met-Council on Spring Lake Park Master Plan
- The County is prepared to handle the COVID-19 situation
- The contractor hired for the County Road 42 project inadvertently threw away the residential fire signs. Dakota County is making new reflective signs at their sign shop. New fire signs are being made and will be installed soon by Dakota County

Township Election Report was read aloud by the Clerk

Supervisor:	Robert Rotty	48 votes
Clerk:	Margaret Flower	43 votes
Write-ins	Laura Baldwin	2

The Official Proof of Notice of the Annual Meeting was read by the Clerk

Bob Rotty announced the Agenda

Review and Approve the Meeting Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

Laura Baldwin moved to dispense with the reading of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Paul Trapp Seconded

All Ayes

The Board of Audit Report – Read by the Clerk

Treasurer’s Report –

- Janet Bremer reported on the Treasurer’s Report. The reporting is a little different now than it has been in the past. Townships are now recommended to use a State program. Janet went over the Summary for the 2019 fiscal year

Harrison Benjamin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s 2019 Report

Larry Neuman Seconded the Motion

All Ayes

OLD BUSINESS

- Setting of the Polling Place from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Setting the business meeting hours after the votes are counted
- Gopher Bounty pay - \$2.50
- Election Judges Pay - \$13.00 per hour
- Official Newspaper – Hastings Star Gazette
- Designate Road Maintenance – Luhman’s Construction
- Designate Street Sweepers – Luhman’s Construction

A Motion was made by Larry Neuman to accept the Old Business Items as stated above

Karen Bremer seconded the motion

All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rural Fire Association Costs** - \$58,227.00 due this year. The cost is up \$1,476.00 from last year. Larry Neuman reported that Nininger Townships portion percentage wise, for the whole package of the townships including: Denmark, Marshan, Nininger, Ravenna, Vermillion and Vermillion City is 11-percent
- **Report on Vermillion Watershed** – Nothing to report
- **Roads and Bridges** – Nothing reported
- **Planning Commission Report** – Nothing to report
- **Set the Conditional Use Permit Fees** – No change
- **Is an equalization meeting necessary** – No meeting will take place this year
- **Set Chloride Costs** – Bob Rotty received a letter stating the chloride cost is \$.94 that is \$.02 higher than last year for an approximate increase of \$136.00

Larry Westerberg made a motion to accept the New Business Items

Larry Neuman seconded the motion

All Ayes

Review Levy for 2021 –

John Bremer stated that there needs to be an increase in the Levy. Last year the Levy was set at \$245,000. The prior year was \$240,000. The Planning Commission recommends raising the levy \$20,000. Motion to approve the General Levy for 2021

Larry Westerberg made a motion to raise the levy \$20,000.00

Janet Bremer seconded the motion

All Ayes

Motion to set the time and location for the 2021 Annual Meeting –

Larry Neuman made a motion to keep the time and location the same for the 2021 annual meeting

Karen Bremer seconded the motion

All Ayes

Adjourn – Larry Neuman made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Gary Rotty seconded the motion

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Baldwin
Clerk