

¹**Minutes**
Annual Meeting-Ida Township
March 13, 2007
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield MN

The Clerk Barbara Kilgore called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Supervisors Orin Blegen, Mike Rosenwald, Jim Conn and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were present. 107 residents of Ida Township also signed in and were present at the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Kilgore announced that the meeting is being recorded and the tapes are only to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Wes Smith made a motion to nominate Georgia Wahlberg as the moderator of the meeting. Jim Conn seconded the motion. Orin Blegen made a motion to nominate Dan Diedrich as moderator of the meeting. Donna Wussow seconded the motion. A hand count was taken and Dan Diedrich was elected moderator.

Bonnie Anderson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2006 Annual meeting and approve the minutes as written and received. Rosemary Etzel seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Mike Rosenwald made a motion to waive the reading of all checks written and received by the township. Orin Blegen seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried. Palmer Krueger gave the 2006 treasurer's report. Copies of the report were available to everyone in attendance. Vernon Dobberpuhl made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with no additions. Jean Challeen seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Gopher Feet Bounty Orin Blegen made a motion to leave the price for gopher feet the same as they were. \$2.00 for pocket gophers and \$.50 for striped gophers. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Roads

Chairman Orin Blegen gave the road report. The township has taken over 5 miles of blacktop roads from developments that will have to be maintained as needed. Mr. Zacher paid for blacktopping the roads in the Ida Oaks Development, which included Abby Lane and Betsy Ross Road from Little Ida Beach Road to Garfield Lane. There is a 2-year warranty on those roads. The Township also upgraded and blacktopped Betsy Ross Road from County Road 6 to Little Ida Beach Road. This section was done by petition and was done under the 20-80% road improvement policy that was in effect at the time. There were 124 parcels that were

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assessed for the project, 39 of which were paid in advance and the rest were added to the property taxes as special assessments.

Upcoming Projects

- Sunset Strip from Burkeys Lane to County Road 61 will be improved this summer. Fabric will be put down and the road will be built up 2 feet.
- 7T Paving Project. Five people from around Lake Ida formed a road committee. The town board presented the committee with an outline of what they had in mind and the road committee did some tweaking and came up with the plan that was approved. At the January 16, 2007 with approximately 40 people in attendance, who were all in favor of the project, the Supervisors by a unanimous decision adopted Resolution 07-04 ordering the improvement and blacktopping of the following roads:
 - Bedman's Drive north from the LaGrand town line to Sahara Lane,
 - Lake Ida Way from CR 61 to Wahtomin Trail,
 - 81st Avenue (Foxy Lane) from County Road 6 to Lake Ida Way
 - Oak Ridge Road,
 - Wahtomin Trail,
 - Christopherson Road to Water Lily Trail

Jim Conn read a letter from Brenda Stodolka and Gerald Ceminsky from Wahtomin Shores expressing concerns about non year round residents not having a say in township matters and would like township meetings concerning major issues held on a weekend. A handout that John Wanecke had printed up opposing the project and questioning the environmental impact of it was read by Dan Diedrich. Wanecke was present and expressed his concern about this project and its impact on the environment.

Paul Miller asked how the project would be assessed. Conn stated that basically it would be 1 assessment per parcel.

Ron Kirscht asked when the township road improvement policy changed from 20-80% to 50-50%. Conn told him that the Road Committee had done a study of the surrounding townships and made the recommendation to the board. The supervisors acted on the recommendation and voted in the new policy. Kirscht also pointed out that the Road Committee was not a balanced group as all the members were from around Lake Ida. Conn stated he supported the committee as 73% of the taxes received by the township come from property immediately around the lake.

Glen VanAmber, a member of the road committee, stated that the committee looked at the property valuation and tried to address the arterial, high traffic roads in the township.
Road Complaints There were several complaints about the gravel roads West of County Road 6 and concerns raised that because of the road paving plan that other roads in the township would suffer.

Norma Kluhn complained about Pleasant Grove

Bruce Wussow complained about Aldrich Road

Delrose Froemming complained about the condition of Shea Road, Pleasant Grove and Big Chip Trail. She also said the roads were not being bladed properly for water runoff.

Glen Hammersmichdt asked if we were getting class-5 gravel.

Blegen assured him that the gravel met the class-5 gradation and the township's engineer had taken samples and had them tested.

Keith Wussow complained that the decision had already been made about the road paving project before the annual meeting. Conn stated that the road project was in the newsletter and people were encouraged to attend the town board meetings and let the board know their feelings.

The Supervisors stated that they will be conducting a road review of all the roads in the township this spring and will assess what needs to be done to bring the roads up to good driving condition.

Setting the Levies for 2008

Rosenwald explained how the board came up with their budget and recommendations for the 2008 tax levies.

- Glen VanAmber made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation and set the general fund levy for 2008 at \$60,000. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Cliff Krohnfeldt made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation and set the fire fund levy for 2008 at \$35,000. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Glen VanAmber made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation and set the Tar & Upgrade fund levy for 2008 at \$100,000. Michael Elias seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Rosemary Etzel made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation to set the Road & Bridge fund levy for 2008 at \$250,000. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Jean Challean made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation to form a Blacktop Road Maintenance fund and set the levy for 2008 at \$5,000. Muriel Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Bob Pearson made the motion to accept the ALASD payment estimate for the 2008 levy at \$66,000. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Election Results

Kilgore stated that the Election results are unofficial until the Board of Canvass meets and officially declares the results. Kilgore reported that the election judges assured her that the results were counted twice.

The results were as follows. There were a total of 197 votes. The election results for Supervisor Seat C for a 3-year term were:

Orin "Clet" Blegen	142
Write-Ins	
Dan Diedrich	4
Bob Hildebrandt	3
Duane Hammargren	2
Marlo Schoeneck	1
Debbie Wussow	1
John Conrad	1
Jeff Way	1
Michael Elias	1

Rodney Froemming	1
Blank	40

The election results for Treasurer for a 2-year term

Palmer Krueger	99
Barry Wahlberg	98
Write-Ins	0

Other Business

John Nienabor the Fire Chief of the Garfield Fire Department thanked the township for its support and wanted to alert everyone that it is going to be very dry this spring and to make sure to get a permit if anyone plans on burning. Permits are available from the Garfield Fire Department or the Minnesota Department of Forestry. Nienabor did say a 4' X 4' recreational fire is allowed without a permit.

Kilgore introduced Bill Leuthner as our Township Attorney.

Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting

Ray Anderson made the motion to set the time for the annual election in 2008 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting to follow the closing of the polls. Mike Diedrich seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Jim Conn made the motion to adjourn at 10:10 PM. Marilyn Mason seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Kind regards,

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk