

Minutes
Annual Meeting-Ida Township
March 11, 2008
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield MN

The Clerk Barbara Kilgore called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Supervisors Orin Blegen, Mike Rosenwald, Jim Conn and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were present. 27 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 Dan Diedrich as the moderator of the meeting. Frank Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Diedrich welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of 2007 Meeting Minutes

Vernon Dobberpuhl made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2007 Annual meeting and approve the minutes as written. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Palmer Krueger gave the 2007 treasurer's report. Copies of the report were available to everyone in attendance. Frank Bartlett made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with no additions and to waive the reading of all checks written and received by the township. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Garfield Fire Department-John Nienabor John Nienabor, the Garfield Fire Department Chief reported that they obtained a new tanker truck. They had applied for and received grants, so the tanker only cost the department \$8,000. He also pointed out that their budget is going up this year because the County is proposing that they install new 800 MHz communication equipment that will cost over \$40,000. Also the smoking ban has hurt the pull-tab profits tremendously.

Nienabor stated that the Garfield Fire Department responded to 72 calls in 2007. In 2006 there were only about 45. The 72 calls consisted of 13 fires, 13 fatal accidents, 43 medicals and 1 mutual aid with the City of Alexandria,. Of those 72 calls, Ida Township had 26 calls, which consisted of 5 fires, 1 fatal accident, 19 medicals and 1 mutual aid. He also emphasized the importance of getting a burning permit if you are planning on burning. Currently the permits are free and you can obtain them from him or the DNR Department of Forestry in Alexandria.

Roads

- **7-T Project.** Chairman Mike Rosenwald reported that the 7-T project was pretty much on schedule, but we have to wait until the spring thaw to check for any soft spots. Rosenwald stated we did let the bid for paving for \$100,000 less than we anticipated and we do have some contingency funds that we have not used yet, so hopefully their will be considerable savings. He also stated the contracted deadline for paving is August 15, 2008
- **Complaints.** Cliff Krohnfeldt asked when Christopherson Road would be bladed as it is very rough. Blegen will check with AJ to see if he will be able to blade the road at this time.

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. Rosemary Etzel seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Setting the Levies for 2009

Rosenwald explained how the board came up with their budget and recommendations for the 2009 tax levies.

- Rosenwald made a motion to abolish the Pavement Maintenance Fund and include that amount in the Road & Bridge Fund. Barry Wahlberg seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried..
- Glen VanAmber made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation and set the levies all funds for 2009 as they are stated in the agenda. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Revenue Fund	\$ 45,000.00
Road and Bridge Fund	135,000.00
Fire Fund	60,000.00
Blacktop/Upgrade Fund	60,000.00
7T Debt Service	60,000.00
ALASD Estimate	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 440,000.00

Election Results

Diedrich stated that the Election results are unofficial until the Board of Canvass meets and officially declares the results.

Kilgore reported the election results were as follows. There were a total of 63 votes.

The election results for Supervisor Seat A for a 3-year term were:

Mike Rosenwald	58
Write-ins	
Dan Diedrich	2
Jeff Way	1
Blank	2

The election results for Clerk for a 2-year term

Barbara Kilgore	61
Blank	2
Write-ins	0

Lake Charlie Cemetery

Chairman Mike Rosenwald reported that Lake Charlie Cemetery belongs to the township and that if we keep the cemetery, the township will have to pay to have the cemetery surveyed and platted out into lots. We will also need to get proper documentation for deeds for people who purchase lots and we will have to pay for upkeep of the cemetery. Rosenwald asked for the townships recommendation on whether to keep the cemetery or try to give it away. Joe Zunker of Douglas County Public Works said that his department surveyed the cemetery about 5 years ago and can provide the town board with the survey. Conn estimated there would be 100-200 lots available. Marlo Schoeneck made a motion for the township pursue turning Lake Charlie Cemetery over to an interested party. Muriel Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried by majority.

Other Business

Frank Bartlett asked if it would be feasible to check into the cost of a disaster siren. Chairman Mike Rosenwald stated that there may be some FEMA funds available and the township will check into it. Supervisor Jim Conn stated that Douglas County under the direction of the sheriff's department is looking at all types of disaster contingencies and in certain areas is asking for township input to mitigate potential disasters. The township will give the county some input on this and in about 6 months a resolution will be passed and sent on to FEMA that we have our plan in place and FEMA may then decide to fund some of these plans.

Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting

Orin Blegen made the motion to set the time for the annual election in 2009 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting to follow the closing of the polls. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Barry Wahlberg made the motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Frank Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Kind regards,

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk