

**Minutes**  
**Annual Meeting-Ida Township**  
**March 17, 2009**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield MN**

The Clerk Barbara Kilgore called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Supervisors Orin Blegen, Mike Rosenwald, Jim Conn and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were present. 30 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.

Mike Rosenwald 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 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Vernon Dobberpuhl made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting and approve the minutes as written. Cliff Kronfeldt seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report**

Palmer Krueger gave the 2008 treasurer's report. Copies of the report were available to everyone in attendance. Glen VanAmber made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed and read. Frank Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried. Glen VanAmber made the motion to waive reading of all checks written and received. John Conard seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

**Garfield Fire Department** Bob Rehovsky of the Garfield Fire Department thanked the township for their continued support. Rehovsky reported that there is a 5% increase of the 2009 amount in the Ida Township portion of The Fire Department's 2010 budget, which increased the amount to \$28,337.00. There was a 10% increase in 2009. Daniel Diedrich pointed out that the amount budgeted for 2010 was more than the reported 15% increase over the amount paid in 2008. Diedrich recommended that the Supervisors look into the increase and why there was such a large increase. Rehovsky noted that the state is trying to put video poker into some of the bars and if they do that it could affect the amount the fire department receives from charitable gambling. Diedrich thanked Rehovsky for the report.

## Roads

- **Pleasant Grove.** Chairman Mike Rosenwald reported that the board planned on having some samples taken of the depth of the class-5 gravel and some problem areas below the gravel on Pleasant Grove last fall, but the process was postponed until this spring.
- **7T Project.** Rosenwald informed everyone that the 7T road improvement has been completed and the project went well. The roads will be striped this summer.
- **Turnarounds.** Rosenwald stated that there are several roads where the maintenance vehicles have to back into people's property to turn around. The board is working on getting turnarounds put into those areas. The Board plans on doing a few a year as money is available.
- **Other.** Rosenwald also reported that Big Chip Road had been graveled and the cattle under pass had been taken out of Shea Road.
- **Public Comment.**
  - **Delrose Froemming** asked what plans the Board has for Pleasant Grove. Rosenwald informed her that once the samples are taken the Board will know what needs to be done to correct some of the problem areas. Delrose also asked if Shea Road would get more gravel this year. Rosenwald stated the Board would look at the area during the spring road review.
  - **Terry Storey** asked if when the Board has work done on Pleasant Grove will they stop at County Road 22 or go all the way to 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Rosenwald informed him the area would also be looked at during the spring road review. Blegen said it also depends on how much work needs to be done and the cost. The work could possibly be divided up over a couple of years.
  - **Cliff Kronfeldt** asked if the class-5 gravel is tested every year. Rosenwald stated that it is tested, but class-5 gravel is mostly sand and the binders affect how good the gravel is. Blegen stated that the gravel is tested every year. Daniel Diedrich explained that the gravel in Douglas County is tested at the pit, but due to the spread of the amount of rock to binder required to meet the class-5 grade you can get a different quality of class-5 gravel from the same pit.
  - **Wayne Odegaard** asked how the road priority was determined for snow plowing. Rosenwald informed him that it depends on what type of road and type of artery it is and the priority is also worked out with the contractor.
  - **Teresa Daigle** asked who is responsible for mail boxes damaged by the snow plow. Rosenwald informed her that the contractor is responsible.
  - **Bob Rehovsky** stated that he is glad that Lake Ida Way was blacktopped. He stated the new road is fantastic. He thanked the Board for getting it done.
  - **Kathy Betterman Day Care.** Kilgore read a letter from Kathy Betterman and parents of children that use her day care asking for improvements to Pleasant Grove and that it be maintained better.

**Gopher Feet Bounty** Steve Eckdahl made the motion to increase the price for gopher feet to \$2.50 for pocket gophers and leave the price at \$.50 for striped gophers. Greg Burkey seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

### **Setting the Levies for 2010**

Rosenwald explained how the board came up with their budget and recommendations for the 2010 tax levies. Tom Searcy asked why ALASD is going up. Rosenwald explained that it depends on the Sewer District's budget and it has been increasing on average of approximately \$10,000 a year. Rosenwald also explained the Wastewater Infrastructure Fund that is required by the Public Facilities Authority. Jim Conn noted that even though the budget has fluctuated a little that Mike Rosenwald has done a remarkable job on financial planning.

- Jim Conn made the motion to accept the town board's recommendation and set the levies for all funds for 2010 at \$440,000.00. Tom Searcy seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Revenue Fund	\$ 45,000.00
Road and Bridge Fund	135,000.00
Fire Fund	50,000.00
Blacktop/Upgrade Fund	60,000.00
7T Debt Service	60,000.00
ALASD Estimate	<u>90,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 440,000.00</b>

### **Election Results**

Kilgore 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 220 votes.

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

Thomas Searcy	114
Daniel Diedrich	99
Michael Elias	4
Defective	1
(Couldn't determine intent)	
Blank	2

The election results for Treasurer for a 2-year term

Palmer Krueger	175
Blank	36
Write-ins	9

### **Lake Charlie Cemetery**

Frank Bartlett reported that the Lake Charlie Cemetery is located on Sunset Strip on the west side of Lake Charlie and is a Historical site in Douglas County. He stated that burials go back as far as 1876 and there are two civil war veterans. Bartlett reported that the Town Board had tried to sell the cemetery to the VFW and the American Legion but

the sale did not go through, so the Board has decided to keep the cemetery and a committee is being formed to oversee the running of the cemetery, The committee currently is made up of Frank Bartlett, Wayne Odegaard, Greg Burkey and Julie Kirscht. The committee will meet and then make a recommendation to the Board. Bartlett asked if anyone has any information regarding the cemetery and burials to contact the committee.

### **Other Business**

Jim Conn reported that he has enjoyed his three years of being a Supervisor on the Board and during that time has observed the technical level of expertise that is required to manage the township properly, including financial and compliance with all of the rules. Conn stated that the State Legislature has given the voters of the township the authority to make the Clerk and Treasurers positions appointed instead of elected. Conn stated he has noted the value, training and the expertise of the people currently holding office and would hate to see them be voted out of office. Conn made the motion that at the next election, a year from now, that we submit a question to the ballot that asks the voters to make the treasurers position and the clerks position to that of an appointed position as opposed to an elected position. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Vote was taken. In favor-16. Against-19. Motion failed.

### **Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting**

Jim Conn made the motion to set the time for the annual election in 2010 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting to follow the closing of the polls. Orin Blegen seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

Frank Bartlett made the motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Kind regards,

Barbara D. Kilgore  
Ida Township Clerk