

Minutes
Annual Meeting-Ida Township
March 9, 2010
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, Tom Searcy and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were present. 28 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. Bonnie Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Diedrich welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of 2009 Meeting Minutes

Rosemary Etzel made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Greg Anderson made the motion to approve the minutes of the 2009 as written. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Palmer Krueger gave the 2009 treasurer's report. Copies of the report were available to everyone in attendance.

Frank Bartlett reported that the majority of the \$7000 spent on the Lake Charley Cemetery was for surveying, plotting and legal fees.

Glen VanAmber made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed and read and to waive reading of all checks written and received. Andy Lopez 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 3% increase in The Fire Department's 2011 budget. Ida Township's amount due for 2011 is \$27,471. He also stated that of the 58 calls that the Fire Department went out on in 2009, 19 of them were in Ida Township. 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. Rehovsky reported that the Fire Department purchased a used truck and new extraction equipment because the old extraction

equipment would not work on materials in some new vehicles. New radios were also purchase with grant money. Dan Diedrich thanked Rehovsky for the report.

Roads

Orin Blegen reported that the Township put in two turnarounds in 2009, at the end of Christopherson Road and at the end of Betsy Ross Road. The Township also did a big project on Pleasant Grove. A large part of Pleasant Grove was rebuilt and gravel put down. Blegen noted that in the summer time the Township does not blade the chloride portions of the gravel roads unless they get very rough. The other roads get bladed once a week. The roads west of County Road 6 required blading twice a week last year. There were also two big snowstorms.

- Greg Anderson asked if there is a savings on blading on the chloride roads. Rosenwald pointed out that since the Township only puts chloride in front of homes there is a savings on roads where there is a lot of houses, but not roads where there are only a few houses.
- Bonnie Anderson said she thinks that Big Horn Bay Road is bladed too often.

Gopher Feet Bounty Tom Scarcy made the motion to leave the price for gopher feet at \$2.50 for pocket gophers and leave the price at \$.50 for striped gophers. Orin Blegen seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried. Mike Rosenwald said that the person submitting the gopher feet must be Ida Township residents.

Setting the Levies for 2011

Mike Rosenwald explained how the board came up with their budget and recommendations for the 2011 levies. Rosenwald stated that the Board made their recommendations from the position of strength, so there is money available for projects or emergencies that come up. The Board's recommendations were: Revenue Fund - \$75,000, Road and Bridge Fund - \$170,000, Fire Fund- \$70,000, Blacktop/Upgrade Fund - \$25,000, 7T Debt Service - \$60,000, ALASD Estimate - \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000. Ray Anderson stated he feels that the recommended levies are too high. Mike Rosenwald explained that ALASD uses tax capacity for their levy and Ida Township's tax capacity has been sky rocketing.

- Glen VanAmber made a motion to set the levies at Revenue Fund - \$45,000, Road & Bridge - \$140,000, Fire - \$50,000, Blacktop/upgrade Fund - \$60,000, 7T Debt Service - \$60,000, ALASD - \$100,000 for a total of \$455,000. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. A hand count was taken by the Moderator, Dan Diedrich. Motion defeated.
- Dick Berg made a motion to add \$5,000 to of the fund levies from 2010. No second. Motion failed.
- Mike Rosenwald made a motion to subtract \$10,000 from each of the first three items (Revenue, Road & Bridge, Fire) recommended by the Town Board setting the levies at Revenue- \$65,000, Road & Bridge - \$160,000, Fire - \$60,000, Blacktop/upgrade - \$25,000, 7T Debt Service - \$60,000, ALASD - \$100,000 for a total of \$470,000. Greg Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. A hand count was taken by the Moderator, Dan Diedrich. Motion carried.

Election Results

Dan 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 140 votes.

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

Daniel Diedrich	100
Orin "Clet" Blegen	40

The election results for Clerk for a 2-year term

Barbara Kilgore	132
Blank	8

Lake Charley Cemetery update

Kilgore read a report from the Lake Charley Cemetery Committee stating the upgrades that they have made. The cemetery has been surveyed and laid out and 48 lots were made available for sale. Ten lots had sold by the end of 2009.

Dog Ordinance-Leash and stray dog issues

Orin Blegen stated that the way things are the Town Board is not authorized to do anything about stray or loose dog issues and he feels the policy should stay the as it is, because of the expense involved. Mike Rosenwald stated that Alexandria and La Grande Townships spent over \$30,000 a year with a contract with the Humane Society. Andy Lopez reported that loose dogs are nuisance. Orin Blegen made a motion to leave the policy as it is. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried. Mike Rosenwald stated that any suggestions on how to handle dog issues in the township should be brought to the Town Board.

Other Business

Mike Rosenwald thanked Orin Blegen for all of the time and service he put in on the Town Board.

Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting

Tom Searcy made the motion to set the time for the annual election for March 8, 2011 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting to follow the closing of the polls. Paul Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Orin Blegen made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Ray Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Daniel Diedrich
Moderator