

Moe Township
Annual Meeting, March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Todd Egenes after the polls were declared closed at or about 8:15pm. The POA was given.

Nominations were opened for Moderator. Merrill Pedersen was nominated. A motion was made to cease nominations. By a show of hands Merrill Pedersen was selected and took the chair of Moderator.

The Agenda was proposed. There were no corrections or additions to the proposed agenda.

The Clerk read the rules for the meeting and proceeded into the minutes of the previous annual meeting in 2016. The results of the Board of Canvass of 2016 were also given. A motion was made to accept the minutes and report as read. (m- Lynn Bushard, s- Elmer Benjaminson, v- unan.)

REPORTS

Garfield Fire Department request for fire protection.

Keith Ramsey was present to represent the Garfield Fire Department. There were 21 calls in Moe Township in 2016 compared to 95 total calls for the Garfield Fire Department. Keith shared that there was no truth to the rumors that the DNR would not let the fire department take water out of the lakes. Due to the cancer rate being 4 to 5 times higher for fire fighters they are now required to replace their turn-out gear every 10 years at a cost of \$3,200 each and Garfield has 26 firefighters. They are also required to replace all the air packs every 10 years. There was a question about dry hydrants, how many we have and where are they. There is only 1 at this time off the freeway and Hwy 114 on Lobster Lake. They would like to add more, possibly 1 on Mill Lake, but have not had time to work on that. Emily Siira, who was in attendance and is the area hydrologist who permits the dry hydrants, offered to work with the Garfield Fire Department on any future dry hydrants needs. Keith also recommended that if you get an online fire permit that you still need to call the County and let them know when you will be burning. Keith presented the Garfield Fire Department's funding request for 2018. A motion was made to approve the amount being requested of **\$25,620.31** (m- Myron Loftquist, s- Nancy Waverin, v- unan.)

Brandon Fire Department request for fire protection.

Brandon Fire Chief Deidre Hubbard was in attendance to represent the Brandon Fire Department. They had 75 calls last year. The Brandon Fire Department is requesting an amount of **\$10,862.04** for 2018. A motion was made to approve the amount. (m- Pam Pommerenke, s- Andy Siira, v- unan.)

Holmes City First Responders

Heidi Abel was present to represent Holmes City First Responders. They had 46 total calls, 7 of which were in Moe Township. A motion was made to give **2,000.00** in 2018. (m- Fred Krafthefer, s- Keith Ramsey, v- unan.)

Lakes Area Recreation request for funds.

In the absence of a representative from LAR, the Clerk read the request from LAR and announced the dollar amount requested for the coming year. A motion was made to contribute the requested amount of **\$986.25**. (m- Lynn Bushard, s- Amanda Topel, v- unan.)

Financial Report by the Treasurer

Florence Chlian gave the report. No discussion followed; therefore, a motion was made to approve the report as given. (m- Myron Loftquist, s- Fred Krafthefer, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall

The clerk presented the question to those in attendance of what we should do with the old town hall now that we have moved into the Pioneer Park Facility.

The property is 60ft by 400ft. We've had an offer of \$5,000 it.

A comment was made by Dennis Gulbranson that the building shows up on a plat book from 1886.

After some discussion a motion was made to explore whether it was a historical site and what the procedure would be to sell it. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Barb Egenes, v- unan)

Official Depository and Newspaper

A motion was made to retain the Bremer Bank and the Echo Press as the official depository and official newspaper. (m- Pam Pommerenke, s-Lynn Bushard, motion carried, 1 opposed)

Date, Time & Place of next Annual Election and Meeting

The consensus of the meeting was to hold the election and meeting on the date set up by State Statute, March 13th, 2018, with the polls being open from 5:00 to 8:00 with the annual meeting following at the Pioneer Park Facility.

Budget Proposal

The proposed 2018 budget was presented. A motion was made to accept the 2018 proposed **budget of \$401,050.00** as presented. Note: Please refer to the Annual Financial Report, handed out at meeting, for details. (m- Tom Waverin, s- Nancy Waverin, motion carries, 1 - opposed)

Dust Control

The Clerk explained the procedure the past couple of years in which residents must submit to the clerk, a request in writing, a letter or email, listing their name and address. Dust control is applied on a first come first serve basis until the chloride runs out. Discussion followed on whether we should continue to provide dust control as many other townships do not provide this service. Consensus of the voters was to repeat the procedure of last year. A deadline for requests will be determined by the Board. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Arlene Bushard, motion carries, 1 - opposed)

Other Business pertinent to Moe Township

An update was given on a proposed development at the end of Rueben's Landing that would have 14 lots, 7 back-lots and 7 lakeside lots with only 4 of those having lake access. They would all have separate septic systems. They have soil borings to do for Land & Resource and they cannot cut all the trees down – they can only trim them so they have a clear line of sight to the lake.

There was no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Pam Pommerenke, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Todd Egenes, Clerk

Board of Canvass
March 14, 2017

Lynn Bushard called the Board of Canvas meeting to order. All members were present except John Krafthefer. At this time, the Board accepted the results of the election earlier this day. The results are as follows:

One Supervisor for a three year term

Lynn Bushard received 32 votes, John Krafthefer received 8 votes and Tom Waverin received 1 vote and 5 blank out of the 46 votes cast.

One Treasurer for a two year term

Florence Chlian received 40 votes and Florence Weinike received 1 vote and 5 blank of the 46 votes cast.

A motion was made to declare Lynn Bushard and Florence Chlian newly elected. (m- Fred Krafthefer, s- Lynn Bushard)

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Fred Krafthefer, s- Lynn Bushard)

Respectfully submitted by,

Todd Egenes, Clerk