

Moe Township
Annual Meeting, March 13, 2012

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

Nominations were opened for Moderator. Rod Johnson nominated Hardy Huettl. A motion was made to cease nominations. Hardy Huettl took the chair of Moderator.

The Agenda was proposed. Pat Botner asked to add one item to the agenda under new business. It was for discussion of adding a petty cash fund to be authorized by the voters for small donations to Board members for sympathy flowers, cards and retirements. A motion was made to accept the agenda as modified. (m- Bonnie Huettl, s- Lynn Bushard, v- unan.)

The Clerk read the rules for the meeting and proceeded into the minutes of the previous annual meeting in 2011. Also, the results of the Board of Canvass of 2011 were reported. A motion was made to accept the minutes and report as read. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Jerry Ellis, v- unan.)

REPORTS

Lakes Area Recreation request for funds.

In the absence of a representative from LAR, the Clerk read the annual report from LAR and announced the dollar amount requested for the coming year. A motion was made to contribute the requested amount of **\$922.50**. (m- Bonnie Huettl, s- Myron Lofquist/Bruce Strandskov, v- unan.)

Garfield Fire Department request for fire protection.

In the absence of a representative, the Clerk read the annual report from the Garfield FD and announced the suggested amount which they are asking. With the help of the Supervisors, the Clerk explained that the Department had met with the Board previous to this meeting and explained that they no longer will be doing charitable gambling which will result in a loss of revenue which the townships and cities will eventually have to make up. This decision to stop charitable gambling comes because of more restrictions placed on the Department which they feel is not worth the effort as it is affecting their personal lives. A motion was made to approve the amount being asked of **\$22,424.00** (m- Strandskov, s- Virginia Morical, v- unan.)

Brandon Fire Department request for fire protection.

In the absence of a representative, the Clerk read the annual report from the Brandon Fire Department and announced the amount of **\$7,589.79**, which they are asking for the coming year. A motion was made to approve the amount. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Lynn Bushard, v- unan.)

Holmes City First Responders

In the absence of a representative, the Clerk read the request for funds for the Responders. He also suggested that the voters approve renewing the contract if they so desire as the current one does not have a termination date. The request for funds is \$1,500.00 for the coming year. A motion was made to again sign a contract and pay the amount requested. (m- Jerry Morical, s- Arlene Bushard, v- unan.)

Discussion of the above reports resulted in Dennis Gulbranson commenting on the amount going for fire protection. He went on to say that he isn't against this protection or what they do, but wonders if there is some way to reduce this amount which is becoming the major line item of the townships disbursements. Strandskov explained how efficient the departments are and that not one resident has ever complained on the amount we pay for this service. At this time, Keith Ramsay arrived and was asked to answer questions and make explanations as he represents Garfield FD and Holmes City First Responders. He apologized for his late arrival but was conducting a training session for one of the departments. He again explained the loss of funds because of the decision to give up charitable gambling and how the State requires 5 members to be trained just to implement this gambling. These members have to be members of the department. Arlene Bushard asked about a donation given last year because of pull tabs. Keith explained that a portion of the proceeds have to be given back as a donation. Bottom line is no more pull tabs, no more donations. Keith also explained that the department is going to start billing for accidents on the freeway. As to the contract with Holmes City First Responders, he will provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Township as required by their insurance carrier.

Financial Report by the Treasurer

Pat Botner gave the report and offered all the bank statements and claim sheets for inspection. No discussion followed; therefore, a motion was made to approve the report as given. (m- Keith Ramsay, s- Theresa Potzmann, v- unan.)

Official Depository and Newspaper

A motion was made to retain the Bremer Bank and the Echo Press as before. (m- Keith Ramsay, s- Myron Lofquist, v- unan.)

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 and that the polls will be open the minimum of 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm with the annual meeting following. The date is March 12, 2013.

Budget Proposal

Pat Botner started out by explaining the new grader debt. A motion was made to add \$10,000 to the equipment fund. Seconded by Bruce Strandskov. Discussion followed. Rod Johnson reported that for the last two years we have

been under budget for this fund. Lynn Bushard doesn't feel we need to increase this fund at this time either. The vote was taken and the motion failed. Jerry Morical asked about the East Moe Road funding issue. Strandskov explained that this money would have to come out of the Road & Bridge as the new fund for major road projects will not be fully funded until the end of 2012. Also, that the proposed amount of this levy will not be enough to handle the cost of whatever will be done to East Moe Road. Rod Johnson also explained that if there is an addition added to the Twp Shed, this money will have to come out of the R&B. He also explained that the Board is working with the DNR and other agencies to hopefully find some grant money. A motion was made to accept the 2013 proposed budget of \$291,000.00 as presented. Note: Please refer to the Annual Financial Report, handed out at meeting, for details. (m- Cathy Johnson, s- Myron Lofquist, v- all but one in favor) Motion passed.

Dust Control

The Clerk explained the procedure the past couple of years. Discussion followed. Comments concerning no second application last year and why do we always do most of Tall Timbers Road? Answer was because of the density of the lots and high traffic. Consensus of the voters was to repeat the procedure of last year. This is that most of Tall Timbers will receive dust control and all others need to submit a request to the Clerk in writing giving their name and address. A deadline for requests will be determined by the Board and again, it will be handled on first come first serve basis if the chemical runs out.

Petty Cash Fund

Pat Botner explained that it is legal for the Board to have a petty cash fund if voted at the annual meeting by the electorate. This means an amount of \$250 is put aside for incidentals. A motion was made to authorize this petty cash fund. (m- Theresa Potzmann, s- Bonnie Huettl, v- unan.)

Other Business pertinent to Moe Township

Dennis Gulbranson asked to an update on the closed road. Rod Johnson gave a brief update. He also explained that to tile the lake to lower it by 4 feet would cost from \$16,000 to \$24,000. To raise the road by 4 feet would cost about \$80,000. The Board is in the process of getting quotes for both types of work. It was pointed out that the Board has already spent about \$5,000 for plans and specs from Widseth, Smith & Nolting. Bruce Strandskov reported the purchase of a new Caterpillar motor grader as the first payment appears in Jan. of 2012 and was not part of the report given out tonight. He went on to explain how the purchase of a new grader was the best value for the dollar as our old grader needed a lot of costly repair and rebuilding. The Board purchased the new grader on the State contract which offers very good pricing. He also reported that the lighting had been upgraded in the shed and other repairs to culverts around the township. He also reported that in order to save the road, the slough known as Heart Lake was tiled to Lobster Lake and the level has dropped

dramatically. Lynn Bushard reported that about 25% of the road signs have now been replaced which is required by the Feds.

With no other discussion of business, a motion was made to adjourn. (m- Myron Lofquist, s- Rod Johnson, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk

Board of Canvass
March 13, 2012

Bruce Strandskov called the meeting to order. The three Supervisors were present. 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
Rod Johnsons received 28 votes out of 28 votes cast.

One Clerk for a two year term
Todd Egenes received 27 votes out of 28 votes cast.

A motion was made to declare Rod Johnson and Todd Egenes newly elected.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Rod Johnson, s- Lynn Bushard, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Outgoing Clerk of Moe Township

It's been a pleasure!