

STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2018

CALL to ORDER. The March 13th, 2018 Annual Meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Jeff Michaelson at 8:15 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOMINATION OF MODERATOR. The first order of business was to nominate a moderator. Motion by Lee Mindemann, 2nd by Tammy Ziegler to nominate John Halverson as meeting operator. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CANVAAS. Results were provided by Clerk, Jeff Michaelson. Lee Mindemann was elected as Supervisor for a 3-year term (20 votes). Keith Aune was elected as Supervisor to carry out the remaining 1-year term to 2019 (19 votes) for Ron Peterson's resignation.

NOXIOUS WEEDS PRESENTATION. Given by Amy Zimmerman, the EOT SWCD Representative. A handout was distributed in which the PALMER AMARANTH plant was the main discussion relative to its danger to Agriculture.

-OTC did receive grant monies from the State to search for the plant but nothing for eradication. Accordingly, all county & township roads will be inspected twice this year for any presence of Palmer Amaranth. The only currently known method of eradication is the burning of the plant prior to going to seed.

-Amy relayed to us some good news. An early frost last year killed the seeding process of the plant.

-the plant can grow on average 6-8' tall and looks like our native pigweed and water hemp. It can severely impact corn and soybeans yields by up to 91 & 76% respectively.

-Any questions or suspected sighting of this noxious weed should be addressed to EOT SWCD.

READING OF 2016 MINUTES. Minutes were read by the Clerk, Jeff M. There being no corrections or additions, a motion by Lee M., 2nd by Vance Harthun to approve as read. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The results of the required annual Board of Audit was presented by the Clerk, Jeff M.. The Clerk read the FINANCIAL RECAP of 2017 with statements of beginning and ending balance along with TOTAL CASH ON HAND as of 12/31/2017.

A comparison of 2016 and 2017 was also given. Tammy Ziegler moved to accept report as given, Lee Mindemann 2nd. Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT. No Road Report was given as the ground was still frozen. A complete Road Report will be completed after the spring thaw.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPORT. John Halvorson distributed PERHAM HEALTH packets which detailed updates. John confirmed the recent reports that Perham Health is beginning an addition to the existing complex due to exceptional growth. Significantly, the \$3.5 million expansion is being funded by internal reserves. There is no planned levy increase!

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS. Lee M. commented on the following;

-DENT FIRE DEPT. – The department badly needs new volunteers. Interested individuals should contact the Dent Fire Department, or any Town Supervisor.

-STAR LAKE CASINO. As of this date, the developer has NOT paid the required “Scoping Fee” and has withdrawn their application for the “Required Dredge & Fill Permit”. The project remains at a standstill. The SLT Board will continue to monitor and provide updates as appropriate.

-SLT FINANCIAL HEALTH – Lee M. thanked the voters present for their continued support of the Town Board, and reported the financial health of SLT has continued to improve with a year ending balance of cash assets now in excess of \$212,000.

SETTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING LEVY. A motion made by Lee Mindemann and 2nd by Tammy Ziegler to approve the current levy at \$173,200 for the 2018 fiscal year was unanimously approved. Carried

Levy to be allocated as follows;

>Road and Bridges-\$115,871

>General Government-\$57,329

CONTRACT FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL, OR RECREATIONAL SERVICES (MN Stat. 365.10, subd. 14). A Motion to authorize Supervisors to contract with non-profits in an aggregate amount not to exceed a total of \$1000 for Health, Social or Recreational Services for the well-being of township residents. Lee Mindemann moved to approve, 2ND BY Vance Harthun. Motion carried.

MOTION to set DATE, TIME and LOCATION for next ANNUAL MEETING. Brenda Ebanks moved that the next Annual Meeting be held on March 12, 2019 at the Star Lake Township Hall, beginning at 8:15 P.M., motion was 2nd by Tammy Ziegler. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

-Jeff Michaelson relayed to all that SLT MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS will change from the 2nd Thursday of every month to the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning April 10th. An updated meeting schedule will be posted on the website and the town bulletin board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Brenda Ebanks, 2nd by Lee Mindemann. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M..