

STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 14th, 2023

- **Call the Meeting to Order – Clerk** Meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM March 14th, 2023 by Paulette Johnson
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Board Members Present:** Emily Riley, Tammy Ziegler, Dale Lewis, Supervisors, Ronola Richards, Treasurer, Paulette Johnson, Clerk.
- **Board of Canvas (election results)** Total votes cast was 48. There were 4 spoiled ballots, 16 votes for write-in Yvette Lewis and 28 votes for Tammy Zeigler.
- **Election of Moderator – Clerk** Kathy Harthun approved to appoint Lee Mindemann as moderator, Seconded by Ted Torkildson
- **Reading of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes** Minutes from the 2022 annual meeting were read by Paulette Johnson. Motion made to approve as read, Bruce Zeigler, seconded by Paul Pfeffer. All approved, motion carried.
- **Read the Agenda for Rest of Meeting – Moderator**
- **Board of Audit: Synopsis of financial standing. Electorate may waive reading of checks & claims.** Presented by Treasurer, Ronola Richards. The financial disbursement register available for any who wants, also copy of the state CTAS report. Year end checking account balance was \$176,303,00. Motion was made to approve financials, by Dale Lewis, seconded by Kathy Harthun. Motion approved and carried.
- **Road Report – 2022 copies included in packets distributed.** Dale Lewis took over for Jeff M, when he left SLT January 1st, 2023.
- **Supervisor Comments:** Emily Riley, Chairperson, commented that SLT had a good year overall even with some trial and errors through the year with a new supervisor, new clerk, and one supervisor with only a year experience.
- **Motion to Set 2023 Annual Levy \$222,000**

General Government	\$58,975
Road & Bridge	\$150,025
Fire	\$13,000

Emily R. addressed the increase in prices of everything. Ronola R. gave info on how we decided on the increase. Goods and Services overall have increased over the past year. 2021 street maintenance \$82,000. 2022 increased to \$177,000. SLT has an outstanding loan on the grader and is making payments twice a year as agreed too. Could pay off sooner if levy were to be increased. SLT will not see the effect of this levy increase until 2024. Ronola stressed from a financial aspect that the levy be increased even more than the proposed \$222,000. Bruce Ziegler asked for info on how we reached levy amount and why there hadn't been more increases over the past years. Motion was made to approve levy by Bruce Zeigler, seconded by Emily Riley. All approved. Motion carried.

- **Motion to authorize the town board to expend up to \$1,000.00 for social, health, or recreational services** – A motion to approve this amount was made by Kathy Harthun, seconded by Bruce Ziegler. All approved. Motion carried.
- **Motion to set later starting time of 10:00 AM for any State or Federal Election. Polling hours to be 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM for such elections.** SLT has had a late start time of 10:00 AM for several years. A Motion made to continue the later election start time was made by Dale Lewis, seconded by Emily Riley. All approved. Motion carried.
- **Motion to set date, time, and location for next annual meeting – 03/12/2024, 8:15 PM, 31010 380th St Dent MN** A Motion was made to set March 12th 2024 at 8:15 PM the date and time for the 2024 annual meeting by Emily Riley. Kathy Harthun seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
- **Other Business** - Dale to look into snow removal on some of the streets with the higher snowbanks to improve safety.
- **Motion to Adjourn** - A motion to adjourn meeting made by Paul Pfeffer. Motioned seconded by Ted Torkildson. The 2023 annual meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM, March 14th, 2023.