

Annual Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
March 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Clerk/Treasurer Hunt with the pledge to the flag.

Nominations opened to elect a moderator. Gary Woods was nominated. Motion by Supervisor Wicker and seconded by Chair Loewen to close nominations and elect Gary Woods as Moderator. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Hunt announced the results of the election. The election was to elect one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term with Dennis Loewen running unopposed. There were a total of fourteen (14) votes cast, Dennis Loewen received fourteen (14) votes.

Motion by Erin Gutwasser, seconded by Supervisor Wicker to approve the results of the election.

Clerk Hunt read the minutes from the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting. Motion by Mike Schneider, seconded by Erin Gutwasser to approve the March 14, 2017, Annual Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Hunt presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Supervisor Kuechle, seconded by Jim Young, to approve the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2017. All in favor, motion passed. Charlie Craft asked why there was such a difference in amounts between receipts budgeted and receipts received. Clerk/Treasurer Hunt explained that both the amounts paid and receipted to Maine Prairie Township for the City of Kimball's portion of 83rd Avenue, and the intergovernmental payments from the State of Minnesota make up that difference. Charlie Craft also questioned the difference in amounts between expenditures budgeted and expenditures paid out.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) Projected/Future Road Projects for 2019:

1. 155th Street
2. Caldron Road
3. Caisson Road
4. 83rd Avenue from Cty Rd 44 north to 135th Street
5. 83rd Avenue from 135th Street north to 137th Street
6. 137th Street
7. 135th Street
8. 83rd Avenue between Cty Rd 141 and 200th Street

Chair Loewen explained to the electorate that Maine Prairie Township hopes to “piggyback” road work with the County for roads in our area in 2019 in order to keep costs low. Loewen also indicated that 155th Street, Caldron Road, and Caisson Road are top priorities for 2019. Loewen informed the electorate that much depends on the boring results when determining the kind of base on each of these roads. Loewen expects boring results similar to Evergreen Road, Edom Road and 202nd Street. Loewen also informed the electorate that the paving of 83rd Avenue will be on hold until we do 135th Street. Maine Prairie Township will partner with the City of Kimball when moving forward with 135th Street and 83rd Avenue.

Fire Contracts: Motion by Dan Rose, seconded by Bob Pike to approve the figures as follows:

Watkins Fire Department	\$ 5,845.64	Contract Year: 4/1/2018 through 3/31/2019
Kimball Fire Department	\$52,184.88	Contract Year: 1/1/2019 through 12/31/2019
Rockville Fire Department	<u>\$21,101.00</u>	Contract Year: 4/1/2018 through 3/31/2019
Total	\$79,131.52	

All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Schneider, Kimball Fire Chief, was present to speak on behalf of the Kimball Fire Department. Chief Schneider reported that Maine Prairie’s portion of the fire amount decreased approximately \$1,400. This being because Maine Prairie Township’s market value decreased, while Fairhaven Township’s market value increased. Schneider informed the Electorate that Maine Prairie Township had a total of fifty-one (51) calls. Thirty-seven (37) of the calls were for medical purposes and fourteen (14) calls were for fire. Schneider reported that Maine Prairie Township had 680 man hours out of a total of 1,804 man hours in 2017. There are currently twenty-seven (27) members on the Fire Department. The Department considers thirty (30) members as a full department.

Open Forum:

Friends of the Library: Erin Gutwasser was present on behalf of Kimball Area Friends of the Library and the Kimball Library Building Committee to share information with the electorate about a new community library. Gutwasser informed the electorate that a piece of property has been chosen in Kimball for the new multi-purpose building to house the library and use for a community events. The Kimball Library Building Task Force are in the process of a fundraising campaign to help in obtaining a matching grant from the State of Minnesota Education Department for the project. In-kind and memorial donations for the project are welcomed.

Dave Lochen asked how the permitting process was going with the County. Supervisor Wicker explained that any construction within the shoreland overlay district is governed by the County. All feedlot permits are governed by the County. New home construction and bedroom additions will also be directed to the County. All new construction of out buildings or accessory buildings out of the shoreland overlay district will require a permit from the Township.

Dan Rose inquired about having to get a permit to build a 10’ X 12’ temporary storage building. This property is within the shoreland overlay district. Supervisor Kuechle informed Mr. Rose

that any building over 100 square feet needs a construction site permit. Kuechle also instructed Rose to contact Environmental Services Department, Stearns County.

Dan Rose asked if the Township residents would be better served bringing back a Building Inspector, to which Supervisor Wicker indicated was not cost effective for the Township residents.

Nora Job and Dave Meidl commended Hendricks Sand & Gravel for the nice job of snow removal on Danzig Road.

Dave Lochen asked if the Township Board has a certain dollar amount they would like to keep as a reserve, to which Supervisor Wicker suggests 1 to 1 and 1/2% of the levy amount.

Dan Rose indicated that the Maine Prairie Township newsletter stated the incorrect starting time of the Annual Meeting. Clerk Hunt to change the newsletter going forward.

Charlie Craft asked if the mortgage on the Town Hall was self-funded, to which Clerk Hunt informed him that inter-fund payments are still being paid.

Gary Woods informed the electorate of the uncertainty incurred with improperly hanging the American flag.

Supervisor Wicker informed the electorate of plans of paving the Town Hall parking lot.

Levy: Motion by Dan Rose and seconded by Supervisor Wicker to set the 2019 levy at \$600,000.00, levied as follows: General-\$94,712.00; Road & Bridge-\$310,856.00; Snow Removal-\$71,736.00; Blading-\$31,564.00; Fire-\$79,132.00 and Town Hall-\$12,000.00. All in favor, motion passed.

2019 Annual Meeting: Motion by Dan Rose, seconded by Nora Job to set March 12, 2019 at 8:15 p.m., Maine Prairie Township Hall, 7551 Dellwood Road, Kimball, MN, for the Maine Prairie Township Annual Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

There being no further business, Motion by Chair Loewen and seconded by Dan Rose to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All in favor, motion passed.

Gary Woods, Moderator

Lori Hunt, Clerk/Treasurer