

Annual Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
March 8, 2022

Attendees: Chair Kuechle, Supervisor Wicker, Supervisor Loewen, Clerk/Treasurer Hunt, Deputy Clerk Robinson. In addition see attached list

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 Dan Rose, seconded by Jim Young 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 Ronald Kuechle running unopposed. There were a total of twelve (12) votes cast with Ronald Kuechle receiving twelve (12) votes.

Motion by Dan Rose, seconded by Brad Donnay to accept the results of the election. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Hunt read the minutes from the March 9, 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion by Jim Young seconded by Brad Donnay to approve the March 9, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor, motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Hunt presented the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2021. Motion by Brad Donnay, seconded by Jeff Hilsgen, to approve the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2021. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) Projected/Future Road Projects for 2022:

- a) Overlay Powder Ridge Road from Hwy 15 West to 93rd Avenue
- b) Reclaim and Overlay 78th Avenue North
- c) 73rd Avenue – Mill and Overlay from 145th St North to 150th St
- d) 73rd Avenue – Overlay from 145th St South to 140th St
- e) Patch 103rd Street

No comments or questions were made in regards to the projected road projects in 2022.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillator Maintenance: Lenny Voigt was present and spoke on behalf of the Rockville Lions Club. Voigt is working with the non-profit "Advocates for Health" to install and place 9 AED Smart Monitored Cabinets throughout the area. Voigt explained that

AED is the abbreviation for “Automated External Defibrillator”. It is a small, portable machine that delivers an electrical shock to a person who has been stricken by sudden cardiac arrest. That happens when the electrical system in the heart goes haywire and suddenly stops the heart from pumping. Death is almost certain within 10 minutes, unless cardiopulmonary resuscitation is administered and/or a defibrillator is used. Each AED gives voice prompts about how to use it. Each unit is heated during the Minnesota winters and cooled during the hot summers. Using cell phone technology, the unit is checked on daily for battery and pad condition along with temperature.

Voigt is asking for Maine Prairie Township to help cover the maintenance cost of these AED units. The maintenance cost is \$375.00 per unit per year. This would include the cost of new pads. Every time a unit is used the pads need to be replaced. This maintenance cost would also include batteries needed for the unit. At present an AED unit is located on the Holy Cross Catholic Church and another is located along East Shore Drive.

Dan Rose moved to pay the yearly maintenance cost of \$375.00 on two (2) AED monitors in the township. Seconded by Jim Young. All in favor, motion carried.

Maine Prairie Cemetery Assn. Tammy Konz spoke on behalf of the Maine Prairie Cemetery Association. Konz explained to the electorate and the board that it takes a considerable amount of time to mow and trim the cemetery, which in turn ends up costing a lot in mowing charges. Konz is asking for help from Maine Prairie Township to consider helping with finances such as mowing costs. This matter will be discussed further at the April 12th board meeting. No action taken at this time.

Supervisor Loewen informed the electorate that all donation requests are at the discretion of the three (3) township supervisors.

Fire Contracts: Motion by Supervisor Wicker, seconded by Jim Young to approve the fire contracts as follows:

Watkins Fire Department	\$ 7,068.34	Contract Year: 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023
Kimball Fire Department	\$77162.34	Contract Year: 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023
Rockville Fire Department	<u>\$26,780.00</u>	Contract Year: 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023
TOTAL	\$111,010.68	

All in favor, motion carried.

Kimball Fire Protection Contract: A onetime increase of \$17,435.76 is due the City of Kimball for the 2023 fire contract amount. The market value was off for a different township, so therefore the projected amount for the City of Kimball was not accurate. Meeker County has made the necessary corrections going forward.

Kimball Fire Chief Dave Traurig, spoke on behalf of the Kimball Fire Department. The Kimball Fire Department is looking at updating their main fire engine. Traurig presented information to the electorate and the board regarding this main fire engine purchase. Traurig explained that the old main fire engine is now twenty-one (21) years old, stating that this is about the time it

needs to be replaced. Traurig further explained that with the ever increasing fire calls, and the shortage of fire department members during the work day, the plan is to design a fire engine to be able to respond with just one fire engine and consolidate equipment. At present two (2) or four (4) trucks are needed in response to a call. A new fire engine is estimated to cost anywhere from \$723,000 to \$780,000. The Kimball Fire Department is looking to go out for bids in early April. This would be a two to three year project for the fire engine to be finished. It is estimated that the old fire engine would be worth about \$50,000 to \$60,000. The Kimball Fire Department will be seeking money through donations and fund raising for this purchase. No action was taken at this time.

Set 2023 Levy - \$650,000.00: Motion by Mike Schindler seconded by Brad Donnay to set the 2023 levy at \$650,000.00, levied as follows:

General-\$113,000.00;
Road & Bridge-\$306,000.00;
Snow Removal-\$72,000.00;
Blading-\$32,000.00;
Fire-\$115,000.00; and
Town Hall-\$12,000.00.

All in favor, motion carried.

2023 Annual Meeting: Motion by Brad Donnay to set March 14, 2023 at 8:15 p.m. Maine Prairie Township Hall, 7551 Dellwood Road, Kimball, MN for the Maine Prairie Township Annual Meeting. Seconded by Dan Rose. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Forum:

Stearns County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Gravidahl: Deputy Gravidahl gave a report and update on calls for Maine Prairie Township during the past three months. Gravidahl also asked the electorate and the board for feedback concerning ways the department can show improvements in the township.

Brad Donnay asked if there is a drug problem in the township. Gravidahl responded that there was no major concerns for this area. Gravidahl did indicate that there is more concerns up Interstate 94 through that corridor.

Richard Beck inquired about dust control. Clerk Hunt to send him a dust control letter this spring.

There being no further business, Motion by Jim Young, seconded by Brad Donnay to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. All in favor, motion passed.

Gary Woods, Moderator

Lori Hunt Clerk/Treasurer