

Annual Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
March 14, 2023

Attendees: Chair Wicker, Supervisor Loewen, Supervisor Kuechle, Clerk/Treasurer Robinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nystrom;

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. by Clerk Robinson with the pledge to the flag.

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

Clerk Robinson announced the results of the election. The election was to elect one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term. David Lochen filed for the supervisor position. There were a total of thirty-one (31) votes cast with David Lochen receiving 29 votes, Duane Fruth receiving one (1) vote and one (1) spoiled ballot. Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Jim Young to accept the results of the election. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Chair Wicker to approve the March 8, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer presented the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2022. Motion by Jim Young/Dean Stockinger to approve the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to approve the Township Electronic Funds Transfer Policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Chair Wicker/Russ Miller to approve Harvest Bank, Kimball, MN as the depository for Township funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Resident David Meidl gave a report on the starry stonewort weed infecting Carnelian Lake. He reported that 1200 lbs. of the weed was originally removed from the lake access by divers. The area was treated in mid-June of 2021 with copper and this treatment worked well. In 2021, the harvest was reduced to only 76 lbs. and only 8 lbs. was harvested in 2022. Grants were received by the Carnelian Lake Association to help with this eradication.

New Business:

A discussion about the proposed Excel power line running along the Hwy. 15 corridor between Marshall, MN and Becker was held. Information received appears that the line will run through Maine Prairie Township. Meetings have been held with more meetings coming and residents were encouraged to attend some of these meetings if possible.

100th Avenue Road Project-2023: Quotes will be requested for the improvements proposed to be done on 100th Avenue. One-third of the cost of this project will be assessed to the property owners with a cap for the assessment of \$3,000.

93rd Avenue Road Project-2023: Sealed bids will be requested for overlaying two sections, approximately 7,920 LF, and reclaiming and paving one section, approximately 2,650 LF of 93rd Avenue. Bids will be requested in March and opened at the April 11th Board meeting.

Fire Contracts: Discussion about the impact on the Township for the new fire truck being purchased by the Kimball Fire Department. One resident asked if the fire contracts cover both fire and emergency services. The answer is yes.

Motion by Mona Libbesmeier/David Meidl to approve the fire contracts as follows.

Kimball Fire Department	\$63,326.23	Contract Year: 1/1/2023-12/31/23
Rockville	26,780.00	Contract Year: 4/1/2023-3/31/2024
Watkins	<u>7,020.02</u>	Contract Year: 4/1/2023-3/31/2024
Total	\$97,126.25	

All in favor, motion carried.

Set 2024 Levy - \$675,000.00: Motion by Jim Young seconded by Russ Miller to set the levy for 2024 at \$675,000.00, levied as follows:

General	\$ 89,750
Road & Bridge	\$351,300
Snow Removal	\$ 70,000
Blading	\$ 32,250
Fire Protection	\$119,700
Township Hall	\$ 12,000

All in favor, motion carried.

Set 2024 Annual Meeting Date – March 12, 2024: Motion by Dean Stockinger/Russ Miller to set the 2024 Annual Meeting date as March 12, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Forum: Resident said parking sign 163rd Street by Carnelian Lake public access are faded. Supervisor Loewen advised Board will look into this and order new signs if necessary.

There being no further business, Motion by Russ Miller/Dean Stockinger to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer