

UNOFFICIAL
Annual Meeting Minutes
Maine Prairie Township
March 11, 2025

Attendees: Chair Kuechle, Supervisor Lochen, Supervisor Loewen, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Deputy Clerk Robinson, Michael Schneider, Henry Massmann, Mike Schindler, Galen Sylvester, John Wicker, Robert Kuechle, Gary Woods, Len Voigt, Jim Young, Bonnie Thurber, Rita Stommes, Joe Hendricks.

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by Clerk Nelson with the pledge to the flag.

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

Clerk Nelson announced the results of the election. The election was to elect one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term. Robert Kuechle filed for the supervisor position. There was a total of twenty-eight (28) votes cast with Robert Kuechle receiving all twenty-eight (28) votes. Motion by Gary Woods/Dennis Loewen to accept the results of the election. All in favor, motion carried.

Ron Kuechle was thanked for his many years of service with the Township.

Motion by Ron Kuechle/Dave Lochen to approve the March 12, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson presented the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2024. Motion by Mike Schneider/Gary Woods to approve the treasurer's report for year ended 12/31/2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Schindler/John Wicker to approve the Township Electronic Funds Transfer Policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mike Schneider/Rob Kuechle to approve Harvest Bank, Kimball, MN as the depository for Township funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: There was no old business for discussion.

New Business:

Projected 2025 Road Projects: Repair work will be done on 121st Avenue, with the emphasis this year on Crack/Chip Sealing.

New Fire Truck: Mike Schindler reported that the new fire truck should be delivered in early to mid-April. The Township's responsibility for this expense will be approximately \$42,000.

Mr. Schindler also explained that there was an error discovered in the accounting program for the fire department over the last five years which upon correction will require recouping \$147,000 from all districts. This money will not be recouped until 2027.

Fire Contracts: The fire contracts were reviewed. Motion by Rob Kuechle/Mike Schneider to approve the fire contracts as follows.

Kimball Fire Department	\$79,735.08	Contract Year: 1/1/2026-12/31/2026
Rockville	\$31,117.95	Contract Year: 4/1/2026-3/31/2027
Watkins	<u>\$7,060.19</u>	Contract Year: 4/1/2026-3/31/2027
Total	\$117,913.22	

All in favor, motion carried.

Set 2026 Levy - \$675,000.00: Motion by John Wicker/Jim Young to set the levy for 2026 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 2026 Annual Meeting Date – March 10, 2026: Motion by Gary Woods/Jim Young to set the 2026 Annual Meeting date as March 10, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Donation to Scout Troop – Flagpole: Motion by Mike Schneider/John Wicker to donate \$250.00 to Troop 15 from Cold Spring in appreciation for the flagpole, light and landscaping completed by Isaak Miller for his Eagle Scout project in 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Forum: There was no business for discussion in the Open Forum.

There being no further business, Motion by Jim Young/Gary Woods to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer