

Minutes of Annual Township Meeting
March 12, 2013 at Val Hall

The Annual meeting of Rocksbury Township was called to order by Stacy Lee at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Val Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Township residents present: Robert Wald, John Kotaska, Stacy Lee, Suzanne Browning, Duane Browning, Nancy Tofte, John Tofte and Harold Dupree.

Nancy Tofte nominated Harold Dupree to be the meeting moderator. Bob Wald seconded the nomination and called for nominations to cease. The motion carried. Harold Dupree was elected moderator.

2012 Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were read. Bob Wald made a motion to approve the minutes. John Tofte seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Nancy Tofte, seconded by John Tofte to waive the reading of all the checks written and received and to read only a synopsis. The motion carried. The 2012 Treasurer's Report was read by Stacy Lee who also explained the financial reports to the constituents present at the meeting.

Road Report

Gravel was added to many of the township roads during the year as needed. \$11,996.44 was spent on gravel for the roads this year. A road project has been approved for the Aaseby area, with 26 new culverts being installed as well as ditching, shaping, and tree and brush removal from the ditches. The project will be completed in 2013.

Levy

Stacy Lee indicated that there is no longer a minimum amount for the Road and Bridge levy in order for the township to qualify for the gas tax funds in 2015. Nancy Tofte made a motion to set the levy the same as the last year at \$75,000, with \$27,000 for the General Fund and \$48,000 for the Road and Bridge. Bob Wald seconded the motion and it passed. The motion carried and the levy was set at \$75,000 for 2015.

Town Hall

A discussion occurred concerning the condition and future of the existing town hall. Bob Wald explained that the foundation in the basement is cracked and bowing out. In addition, the windows and shingles are also in need of replacing. Bob explained that the cost of repairs could be quite high and it is time to start thinking of replacing the existing building. He provided a general drawing of a proposed new building. Suzanne Browning questioned whether the elections could ever move to the more central location of the Ralph Engelstad Arena. If so, she suggested that a more convenient location could be rented in Thief River Falls to hold the monthly meetings, therefore, ending the need to have a Town Hall. John Tofte made a motion for the Rocksbury Board to proceed with building and financing of a town hall. Bob Wald seconded the motion and it carried.

Other Business

Stacy informed those present of new highlights for the year 2012: A website for Rocksbury Township went live at rocksburytownship.com. Six land use signs stating that Rocksbury Township has zoning ordinances went up around the township. And finally, six new voting booths were purchased to aid in the township elections.

Nancy Tofte made a motion to maintain the gopher bounty at \$4.00. Bob Wald seconded the motion and it carried.

John Tofte made a motion to continue with The Times as the official newspaper for publishing Rocksbury Township notices. John Kotaska seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Suzanne Browning made a motion to set the time for the annual meeting next year at 8:00 pm. John Tofte seconded the motion and it carried. The annual meeting for next year will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Nancy Fladeland, Colleen Rook, and Harold Dupree were the designated election judges.

Adjourn:

Nancy Tofte made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Wald seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Moderator