

Minutes of Regular Township Meeting
April 10, 2014 at Val Hall

Members present: Stacy Lee, John Kotaska, Bob Wald, Nancy Tofte, Dale Koop

Guests: Mike Flaagan

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Old Business:

Website Update – No new updates.

Town hall building – Bob has been creating the specs for the building. Nancy called a moving company about the cost involved in moving the existing townhall building. She has not received a formal estimate.

Change in polling place – Due to the possibility of construction at the current town hall site, Bob made a motion to have the primary election, August 12, 2014, and the general election, November 4, 2014, held at Northland Community and Technical College airport facility. NCTC airport facility would be the designated polling place for Rocksbury Township. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 13, 2014 monthly meeting were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried. The minutes from the March 13, 2014 Canvas Board meeting were emailed prior to the monthly meeting. Bob made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Dale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read. There being the following cash balances:

Checking	\$30,456.65
Savings	\$28,104.79
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$331,236.86</u>
Total:	\$389,798.30

New Business:

Mike Flaagan – Mike came to discuss the repaving of Riverbend Trail and estimated that it would cost \$55,000. He suggested that they could pave all the way to the slope, adding about 6 inches to the edge. This would help make the road safer and make a gradual slope to the edge of the road but it would add approximately \$10,000 more to the job. Mike suggested that the Board should work to get a bid in by September 2014 if they want to proceed with the project for the following year.

Mike Flaagan suggested that the township needs to come up with a plan to replace its road signs. Pennington County is going to replace each sign every twelve years. Stop signs abutting a county road are maintained by the County. Warning signs along that same road would be the township responsibility. If the Board decides to remove signs, it needs to be documented as to why they are being removed.

Stacy presented the Board with a completed Red Lake Watershed district application for Pennington County. Culvert replacement will take place during the reconstruction for CSAH 3 from MN HWY 32 to CSAH 17 (the Airport Road). The application was granted on March 31, 2014.

Stacy informed the Board that a zoning permit for Llewellyn Lane was granted to build an addition on his existing wood frame garage. The completed structure will be 66' by 66'. The application was granted on April 10, 2014.

Reorganization –

Chairman of the Board – Bob made a motion to nominate Nancy Tofte for chairman of the Board. Dale seconded it and it passed.

Vice Chair – Nancy made a motion to nominate Bob Wald as the Vice Chairman. Dale seconded the motion and it passed.

Town Hall Maintenance - Dale made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing contract with Bob Wald to complete the Town Hall maintenance. Nancy seconded it and it passed. Bob abstained from voting. The resolution document was completed, signed, and filed.

Mileage Rate – Bob made the motion to use the current mileage reimbursement rates set by the IRS. The 2014 rate is .56 per mile. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Salaries - Bob made a motion to leave the salaries the same amount as the past year. Dale seconded the motion and it carried. The salaries are as follows: Town hall Maintenance - \$750, Treasurer - \$1000, and Clerk \$1800. Additional extra projects completed by the clerk will be paid at \$15 per hour. Meeting payments - Bob made a motion to leave the per meeting payments the same amount as the past year. Dale seconded the motion and it carried. The per meeting payment will remain at \$100. For all day long meetings or trainings the amount will be \$200.

Monthly Meetings – Bob made a motion to set the monthly meetings at Val Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Nancy seconded the motion and it passed.

The Spring Short Course at the REA in Thief River Falls was cancelled due to weather.

The Board of Equalization meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 am at Val Hall.

The May monthly meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm at Val Hall.

Bills:

The following bills were presented and paid. Dale made a motion to accept and pay the following bills. Bob seconded the motion and it passed:

PERA	April Meeting	\$83.34
Red Lake Electric Co op	March billing	\$38.10
Pennington County	December snow removal	\$902.50
Pennington County	2014 Property tax	\$957.63
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City of Thief River Falls	1 st half Rural Fire Contract	\$12,257.11
Rude Construction	March removal	\$680.74
Wage Claims		\$1675.63

Adjourn:

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it carried.

Stacy Lee, Clerk

Board Member