

Official Minutes 3.11.08

The annual town meeting in the Town of Farming, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota was held in the Farming Community Center on the 11th day of March 2008. It was called to order by Township Clerk Judy Bruemmer at 8:30 p.m. The flag pledge was said. Judy Bruemmer asked for nominations from the floor for moderator. Ken Hamann nominated Bill Otto, Killmer seconded. Bill Otto accepted the nomination. Vernon Willenbring motioned to close nominations, Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Bill Otto was declared moderator.

The minutes from the 2007 annual meeting were read by the clerk. Brian Brix made a motion to accept the minutes, Craig Bardson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Discussions was held, questions were asked concerning crop damage and the tarring fund. Tom Buerman made a motion to accept the report as printed, Craig Bardson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Hamann made a motion to continue with GoatRopers Bar & Grill and Immanuel Lutheran Church as the posting sites, Jackie Netter seconded. Walter Bushman proposed an amendment to the motion to include the entrance of the Farming Community Center as an additional posting site, Leo Bloch seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Duane Janssen motioned to have the Stearns Morrison Enterprise as the township newspaper for publishing legal notices, Jerry Rausch seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Paul Killmer made a motion to have the Farming Community Center as the official polling place, Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom Buerman motioned to have the polling place open from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the 2009 annual election, Brian Brix seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Jackie Netter made a motion to have the 2009 annual meeting at the Farming Community Center at 8:30 p.m., Tom Buerman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Craig Bardson motioned to have the monthly town board meetings at the Farming Community Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m., Brian Brix seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Hamann made a motion to allow the town board to hire someone to mow the road ditches for 2008, Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The results of the annual election were reported as follows: For Supervisor – Fred Holthaus 84 votes, Jesse Hagemeyer 79 write-in votes, with two others with two or less write-in votes. For Clerk – Judy Bruemmer 114, with two others with one write-in vote each. Fred Holthaus was declared the winner of the Supervisor position; Judy Bruemmer was declared the winner of the Clerk position. Leo Bloch made a motion to destroy the 2006 ballots, Brian Brix seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The General Levy proposal was reviewed. Discussion was held. Ken Hamann made a motion to accept the \$140,000 levy for the year 2009, Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the road projects done in 2007 and those proposed in the future. Paul Killmer made a motion to have a tarring fund of \$80,000, Ken Hamann seconded. Discussion was held concerning tarring and possible alternatives. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

Discussion was held on dustcoating of roads in the township, its effect on vehicle and possible money from the MinnCann Pipeline being used for more dustcoating. Dale Warzecha made a motion to allow the town board to pick the roads to be dustcoated, with options for landowners who want dustcoating along other roads to pay half of the cost, and to look into possible money from the MinnCann Pipeline to be used for dustcoating, Julie Warzecha seconded. Discussion was held. All in favor, motion carried.

Fred Holthaus presented a request from the Stearns County Fair Board for a \$500 donation toward a new beef barn at the fair. Discussion was held. No motion was made.

Fred Holthaus presented information concerning the Silvers property and the possibility that the township could purchase the land for a minimal amount of money and use it for a possible future township hall site. Craig Bardson made a motion to pursue the purchase of the property with a \$500 limit, Brian Brix seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the Public Hearing on a New Road Resolution to be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Information was presented concerning Radon gas. Handouts were given out and the information will be included in the township newsletter.

Duane Janssen made a motion to adjourn the annual town meeting at 10:08 p.m., Jerry Rausch seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Cookies, provided by Stearns Bank, and milk, provided by Vernon Willenbring, were served after the meeting.

Judy Buermer Clerk