

Official Minutes 3.17.09

The annual town meeting in the Town of Farming, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota was held in the Farming Community Center on the 17th day of March, 2009. 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, Tony Legatt seconded. Bill Otto accepted the nomination. Duane Janssen motioned to close nominations, Jackie Netter seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Bill Otto was declared moderator.

The minutes from the 2008 annual meeting were read by the Clerk. Jackie Netter made a motion to accept the minutes, Tony Legatt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Discussion was held. Duane Janssen made a motion to accept the report as printed, Victor Kotten seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Hamann made a motion to continue with GoatRopers Bar & Grill, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and the Farming Community Center entrance as the posting sites, Duane Janssen 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.

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

Jackie Netter made a motion to have the polling place open from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the 2010 annual election, Paul Killmer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Hamann motioned to have the 2010 annual township meeting at the Farming Community Center at 8:30 p.m., Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Ken Hamann made a motion to allow the town board to hire someone to mow the road ditches, Tom Winkels seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The results of the annual election were reported as follows: For Supervisor – Vernon Willenbring received 40 votes, For Treasurer – Patti Legatt received 40 votes. A total of 41 ballots were cast. Vernon Willenbring was declared the winner of the Supervisor position; Patti Legatt was declared the winner of the Treasurer position.

Ken Hamann made a motion to destroy the 2007 ballots, Tony Legatt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The General Levy proposal was reviewed. Discussion was held. Duane Janssen made a motion to accept the \$140,000 levy for the year 2010, Ken Hamann seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the road projects for the future. Jerry Rausch made a motion to have a tarring fund of \$80,000, Ken Hamann seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business – The possibility of the land north of Leo's Auto Repair being purchased for a town hall was discussed. Fred Holthaus reported that government appraisal of the land still needed to be done and that more than likely the cost would be more than the \$500 allowed at last year's annual meeting. Ken Hamann made a motion for the board to call a special meeting if land came up for purchase, Paul Killmer seconded. The motion was withdrawn. Paul Killmer made a motion to table the discussion and should the opportunity arise to buy the land, the board should call a special meeting and present the option to the public, Ken Hamann seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Jackie Netter made a motion to allow the board to pick the roads to be dustcoated with options for landowners who want dustcoating along other roads to pay half the cost, Duane Janssen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Victor Kotten asked about blading/snowplowing issues and the possibility of putting bids out earlier. Discussion was held. Supervisors stated that they will see what can be done to improve the situation.

Bill Otto gave a Zoning Update. Some of the areas covered were preserving farmland, selling building rights to achieve clusters, Green Acres, townships limited permit ability, etc.

Judy Bruemmer stated that if residents want copies of the board meeting minutes that she could e-mail them if they gave her their addresses.

At 9:30 p.m., Duane Janssen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry Rausch seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Cookies, provided by the Stearns Bank, and milk, provided by Legatt Gravel Mining, were served following the meeting.

Judy Bruemmer
Pat Legatt
Wally Bruemmer