

**ANNUAL MEETING
CASCADE TOWNSHIP
MARCH 9, 2010**

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD IN THE TOWN OF CASCADE, IN THE COUNTY OF OLMSTED AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AT THE CALVARY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH MEETING ROOM AT 8:15 PM. CLERK JOE VROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE CLERK INTRODUCED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC, SUPERVISOR ARLEN HEATHMAN, SUPERVISOR HAROLD ATKINSON, CHAIRMAN LENNY LAURES, CLERK/TREASURER JOE VROMAN. EVERYONE ROSE TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THE CLERK ASKED THE ELECTORS TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR FOR THE EVENING. DAVID LUCAS VOLUNTEERED AND WAS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE TO BE MODERATOR.

DAVID LUCAS THEN CHOSE 2 PEOPLE TO COUNT THE VOTES FROM THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO ELECT ONE SUPERVISOR FOR THREE YEAR TERM AND ONE CLERK/TREASURER FOR A TWO YEAR TERM. THE TWO PEOPLE WERE JOE KOCER AND DAVID JOHNSON.

THE CLERK READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY JOHN RUEGG, SECONDED BY MIKE BROWN, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

THE CLERK REPORTED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVIEWED THE TOWN BOARD OF AUDIT AT THE FEBRUARY 6, 2010 BOARD MEETING, AND ALL FUNDS WERE FOUND TO BE IN ORDER. THE FORMAL AUDIT REPORT OF TOWN FUNDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY CPA FIRM OF SMITH SCHAFFER AT THE JUNE 7th, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING.

TREASURER JOE VROMAN GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009. BEGINNING BALANCE WAS \$320,985.95, RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TOTALED \$666,062.33, DISBURSEMENTS TOTALED \$614,478.94, FOR AND ENDING CHECKING BALANCES ON DECEMBER 31, 2009 OF \$372,569.34. A MOTION BY JIM LARSON APPROVES THE TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY MIKE BROWN, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

THE VOTE TOTALS WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: TOTAL OF 33 VOTES CAST TO ELECT A SUPERVISOR FOR A 3 YEAR TERM AND ELECT A CLERK/TREASURER FOR A 2 YEAR TERM. ARLEN HEATHMAN RECEIVED 33 VOTES FOR REELECTION AS SUPERVISOR AND JOSEPH VROMAN RECEIVED 33 VOTES FOR REELECTION AS CLERK/TREASURER FOR 2 YEAR TERM. ARLEN HEATHMAN AND JOSEPH VROMAN WERE DECLARED THE WINNERS.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH (MARCH 8TH, 2011). THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 PM AND THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL START AT 8:15 PM ON A MOTION BY JOE KOCER, SECONDED BY JUDY LARSON, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

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A MOTION BY DAN FRISSORA TO CONTINUE THE GOPHER BOUNTY FOR 2010 THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT \$1.50 FOR EACH PAIR OF FEET AND TO LIMIT PAYMENT ON THE BOUNTY TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND LAND OWNERS ONLY, SECONDED BY DAVID JOHNSON, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL COE INTRODUCED HERSELF AND GAVE A PRESENTATION ON HER DUTIES OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS AS DEPUTY SHERIFF AND AS THE TOWNSHIP DEPUTY FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS TO CASCADE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS THE GO TO PERSON FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND IS OPEN TO ATTEND MEETINGS FOR THE NEIGHBOR HOOD WATCH PROGRAMS. SHE ENCOURAGED THE RESIDENTS TO LET HER OR THE SHERIFF OFFICE KNOW WHEN THEY ARE ON VACATION AS THEY MAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THIS WHILE THE RESIDENTS ARE GONE. THE RESIDENTS' RESPONSE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE AND WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR THE JOB SHE IS DOING. SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOLLOWED.

GREG MARTIN, ROCHESTER'S FIRE CHIEF INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND GAVE A PRESENTATION ON FIRE CALLS IN CASCADE TOWNSHIP. THE ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO RESPONDS AS NEEDED TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, TECHNICAL RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE. SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOLLOWED.

THE MODERATOR ASKED THE CHAIRMAN LENNY LAURES TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY TO THE CITIZENS. CHAIRMAN LAURES SHOWED A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ALL ITEMS OF EXPENSES AND REVENUE FOR THE TOWNSHIP. DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOLLOWED. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENTIRE 2011 BUDGET AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY DAN FRISSORA, SECONDED BY JOHN RUEGG, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$54,250 FOR GENERAL REVENUE, \$412,119 FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, \$179,815 FOR FIRE PROTECTION, \$22,000 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, \$5,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND \$10,000 TO REBUILD THE RESERVE FUND FOR A PROPOSED TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$683,184.

THE DIFFERENCE FROM THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE AND THE PROPOSED LEVY IS A \$31,600 REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM GAS TAX, ANNEXATION PAYMENT, and BANK INTEREST.

THE 2011 PROPOSED TAX LEVY IS \$651,584, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$12,249 FROM THE 2010 TAX LEVY.

CHAIRMAN LAURES GAVE A PRESENTATION ON FIRE PROTECTION COSTS.

CHAIRMAN LAURES AND SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON CAPITOL EQUIPMENT PURCHASING; MOWING TRACTOR TRADE IN ON PURCHASE OF A NEW TRACTOR MOWER, AND REPLACEMENT OF THE 2000 MACK PLOW TRUCK WITH A NEW MACK PLOW TRUCK.

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CHAIRMAN LAURES DISCUSSED BUILDING PERMITS. THE PEOPLE ARE TO CONTACT T.C.P.A. (TOWNSHIP COOPERATIVE PLANNING ASSOCIATION) AT THEIR NEW ADDRESS, 4111 11TH AVENUE SW, IN AN OFFICE AT THE ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP HALL. PHONE NUMBER REMAINS THE SAME AT 529-0774.

FOR FIRE PERMITS, CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP FIRE WARDEN NEIL FARNHAM AT 288-0908, OR A MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. ALSO YOU CAN CONTACT THE DNR FOR AN ONLINE PERMIT GOOD FOR 1 YEAR AT A COST OF \$5.00. THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED TO SHOW BOTH OPTIONS OF GETTING A FIRE PERMIT.

SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON NUISANCE AND DOG ORDINANCE AND NAMED NORTHERN VALLEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL AS THE OFFICIAL DOG IMPOUND SITE IF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ANIMAL SHELTER IS FULL. DOG LICENSES MUST BE OBTAINED FROM NORTHERN VALLEY FOR DOGS IN CASCADE TOWNSHIP.

CLERK JOSEPH VROMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. IT IS, www.cascadetownship.us AND IT HAS BEEN UP AND RUNNING FOR A YEAR NOW. IT CONTAINS THE AGENDAS, MINUTES, BUDGET, NEWS AND NOTES, MEETING CALENDAR DATES AND CONTACT NAMES AND NUMBERS TO CALL OR EMAIL.

CHAIRMAN LAURES AND SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED PARKING ORDINANCE AND ACCESS ORDINANCE BEING DEVELOPED BY THE TOWNSHIP TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN THOSE AREAS. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THE CITIZENS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY POST CARD OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THOSE HEARINGS. IN THE MEAN TIME, THE CLERK WILL POST THEM ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AS UNOFFICIAL, SO THE CITIZENS CAN REVIEW THEM PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

SUPERVISOR ATKINSON GAVE A PRESENTATION ON A PROPOSED TOWNSHIP HALL OR COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION TO THE CURRENT TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BUILDING ON 75TH STREET NE. THE ADDITION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 50 X 60 FOOT AND WOULD CONTAIN OFFICES, CONFERENCE ROOM, LIMITED FOOD SERVICE AREA, LARGE MEETING ROOM TO ACCOMMODATE MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE TOWN BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION, BOARD OF APPEALS, OLMSTED COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER MEETINGS. THE ELECTORS VOTED TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE BUILDING A TOWNSHIP HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION TO THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING ON A MOTION BY JOE KOCER, SECONDED BY DAN FRISSORA, MOTION PASSED. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE SUPERVISOR HAROLD ATKINSON, JOE KOCER, JIM LARSON, DAVID LUCAS AND DAN FRISSORA.

SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN DISCUSSED STORM WATER, POLLUTION PREVENTION TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND DUMPING. HE ASKED THE CITIZENS TO MONITOR FOR FOREIGN MATERIAL IN DISCHARGE PONDS.

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THE BOARD SUGGESTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAVE A PICNIC THIS SUMMER TO ALLOW THE TOWNSHIP CITIZENS TO MEET THE BOARD, OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND HAVE A SOCIAL EVENT AND SEE THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING THAT THE TOWNSHIP NOW HAS. THE TOWN BOARD WILL ACT AS THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS AND WILL SCHEDULE THE PICNIC IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE CITIZENS AT THE MEETING ALL APPROVED OF HAVING A PICNIC.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:55 PM ON A MOTION BY MIKE BROWN, SECONDED BY JERRY OLSON, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.