

THESE ARE THE OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE CASCADE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2012. THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2013.

**ANNUAL MEETING
CASCADE TOWNSHIP
MARCH 13, 2012**

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD IN THE TOWN OF CASCADE, IN THE COUNTY OF OLMSTED AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AT THE CASCADE TOWNSHIP HALL AT 8:15 PM. CLERK JOE VROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE CLERK ASKED ALL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE TO RISE AND RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE CLERK INTRODUCED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC, SUPERVISOR ARLEN HEATHMAN, SUPERVISOR HAROLD ATKINSON, CHAIRMAN LENNY LAURES, CLERK/TREASURER JOE VROMAN.

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

DAVE JOHNSON 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 LAD ROERING AND MIKE BROWN.

THE CLERK READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY DENNIS HEDIN, SECONDED BY JOHN RUEGG, MOTION APPROVED.

THE CLERK REPORTED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVIEWED THE TOWN BOARD OF AUDIT AT THE MARCH 5, 2012 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 4th, 2012 TOWN BOARD MEETING.

TREASURER JOE VROMAN GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011. BEGINNING BALANCE WAS \$595,723.34, RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TOTALED \$984,861.85, DISBURSEMENTS TOTALED \$1,215,733.52, FOR AND ENDING CHECKING BALANCES ON DECEMBER 31, 2011 OF \$364,851.67. A MOTION BY MIKE BROWN TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY SCOTT HVAMSTAD, MOTION APPROVED.

THE VOTE TOTALS WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: TOTAL OF 34 VOTES CAST TO ELECT A SUPERVISOR FOR A 3 YEAR TERM AND ELECT A CLERK-TREASURER FOR A 2 YEAR TERM. LENNY LAURES RECEIVED 34 VOTES FOR SUPERVISOR; JOSEPH VROMAN RECEIVED 34 VOTES FOR CLERK-TREASURER. LENNY LAURES WAS DECLARED THE WINNER FOR THE SUPERVISOR POSITION. JOSEPH VROMAN WAS DECLARED THE WINNER FOR THE CLERK-TREASURER POSITION.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH (MARCH 12TH, 2013). 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 PETER STREIT, SECONDED BY JIM LARSEN, MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION BY DENNIS HEDIN TO CONTINUE THE GOPHER BOUNTY FOR 2012 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 MIKE BROWN, MOTION PASSED.

CHAIRMAN LAURES GAVE A PRESENTATION ON FIRE PROTECTION COSTS. COSTS FOR 2013 WILL AGAIN BE LOWER THAN FOR 2012.

SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON CAPITOL EQUIPMENT PURCHASING; MOWING TRACTOR AND MACK PLOW TRUCK.

DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL COE INTRODUCED HERSELF AND GAVE A PRESENTATION ON HER DUTIES OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS AS DEPUTY SHERIFF AND AS THE TOWNSHIP DEPUTY NOW INTO HER 6th YEAR FOR CASCADE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS THE GO TO PERSON FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND IS OPEN TO ATTEND MEETINGS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD 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. SHE REPORTED ON THE SEVERAL BURGLARIES AND IDENTITY THEFTS IN THE TOWNSHIP. SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOLLOWED.

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. THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

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 IS 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 3 YEARS 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 PARKING ORDINANCE AND ACCESS ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS IN THOSE AREAS.

SUPERVISOR ATKINSON GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL OR COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION TO THE CURRENT TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BUILDING ON 75th STREET NE. THE NEW BUILDING WAS COMPLETED IN 2011. THE ADDITION CONTAINS 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.

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

THE MODERATOR ASKED THE CHAIRMAN LENNY LAURES TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2013 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 2013 BUDGET AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY MIKE BROWN, SECONDED BY DENNIS HEDIN, MOTION APPROVED.

THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$55,575 FOR GENERAL REVENUE, \$444,722 FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, \$160,845 FOR FIRE PROTECTION, \$22,670 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, \$0 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$0 TO REBUILD THE RESERVE FUND AND \$33,604 FOR DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR A PROPOSED TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$717,416.

THE DIFFERENCE FROM THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE AND THE PROPOSED LEVY IS A \$20,550 REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM GAS TAX, ANNEXATION PAYMENT, BANK INTEREST AND \$20,000 FROM THE RESERVE FUND.

THE 2013 PROPOSED TAX LEVY IS \$676,866, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$9,424 OR 1.41% FROM THE 2012 TAX LEVY.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS, NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAIRMAN LAURES MADE A COMMENT ABOUT A NEW SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWNSHIP. IT NOW HAS APPROXIMATELY 9 NEW HOME SITES FOR SALE.

HALLMARK TERRACE AND ZUMBRO RIDGE MOBIL HOME PARKS HAVE REQUESTED CASCADE TOWNSHIP HELP IN REQUESTING GRANT MONEY TO HELP BUILD A WASTE WATER LINK BACK TO THE CITY OF ROCHESTER. THE BOARD PRESENTED THE REQUEST AND ASKED THE RESIDENTS FOR A SENSE OF DIRECTION ON THIS MATTER. THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ALSO CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO ASK FOR HELP WITH FUNDING FOR THE CEMETERY FOR JUST A FEW YEARS UNTIL THE ECONOMY GETS BACK ON IT FEET AND THE INTEREST ON THEIR INVESTMENTS CAN AGAIN PAY FOR THE EXPENSES. THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE. IT WAS STATED THAT NEW HAVEN TOWNSHIP HAS 3 CEMETERIES IN THEIR TOWNSHIP AND THEY CONTRIBUTE \$2,500 A YEAR TO EACH CEMETERY. THE BOARD ASKED THE RESIDENTS FOR A SENSE OF DIRECTION ON THIS MATTER ALSO. THE CITIZENS WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF HELPING THE CEMETERY NOW AND THE ISSUE FAILED FOR LACK OF A MOTION TO HELP THE CEMETERY.

THE BOARD ASKED THE CITIZENS TO HELP KEEP THE TRASH CONTAINERS OFF THE ROAD AND IN THEIR DRIVEWAYS, TO HELP THE ROAD CREWS WITH SNOW REMOVAL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:45 PM ON A MOTION BY MIKE BROWN, SECONDED BY DENNIS HEDIN, MOTION APPROVED.