



CASCADE
--- TOWNSHIP ---

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Cascade Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017
Cascade Town Hall, Olmsted County, Minnesota

Township Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist convened the meeting at 8:15pm. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Rudquist welcomed the citizens and introduced the Board members: Supervisors Arlen Heathman, Lenny Laures, Mike Black, Jimmy Hoss and Chairman Gary Sieck.

Clerk Rudquist requested a volunteer to moderate the meeting. Cheryl Adolphson was approved to moderate.

An adjustment was made to the agenda to accommodate Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran's schedule, allowing him to give his report first. Mark reported on the maintenance of the equipment and getting the summer road maintenance plans put in place. There was discussion regarding the last snowfalls and a plan to remedy the late plowing issues.

It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist read the Board of Audit Report. Chairman Sieck moved to approve the report and Chuck Wallace seconded. The motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist read the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Supervisor Hoss and seconded by Chairman Sieck to approve the report. The motion passed.

Deputy Tracey Pagel gave the Public Safety Program Report. Non-emergency reporting number is 507-285-8580.

It was moved by Brenda Staats and seconded by John Koster to set the time of the next Annual Township Election for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 as set by Minnesota Statute 365.51. The motion passed.

It was moved by John Koster and seconded by Betty Dryg to set the gopher bounty at \$1.50. The motion passed.

The Township Board and Staff presented updates on the following:

- 1) Lawsuit update
- 2) Permits: building or driveway contact TCPA at 507-529-0774; fire permits call 507-288-0908
- 3) Cascade Township website: www.cascadetownship.us

Chairman Sieck presented the proposed budget for the seven Township funds as follows: General Fund, Road and Bridge, Fire Protection, Public Safety, Capital Projects, Reserve, and Debt Service. Citizens expressed concern over the balance of the Reserve Fund and the inability of the Township to meet its financial obligations at certain times of the year. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Steve Wilson to increase the Reserve Fund budget line for 2018 by \$16,500 making it \$21,500, thereby setting the levy at \$841,316 for 2017. A majority voted in favor. One voted no. The motion passed.

There was no old business.

There was one item of new business. Steve Wilson introduced to the citizens the Continuous Improvement Framework as approved by the Board in 2016. Reports of the Continuous Improvement findings in regards to CUP maintenance, road maintenance and ordinance maintenance were presented.

Election Judge Dean Hegrenes read the results of the Annual Election. 38 votes were submitted with 38 votes for Michael Black for Seat 3 on the Township Board.

It was moved by Dean Hegrenes and seconded by Chuck Wallace to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

There were 20 citizens and guests in attendance.