

Annual Town Meeting

March 14, 2017

The Annual Town Meeting, held in the Town of Camden in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, at the Camden Town Hall on the 14th day of March 2017, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Lisa Goede, Clerk.

A motion was made by Mike Meuleners, seconded by Virgil Stender to appoint Mike Meuleners as Moderator. Motion carried.

The Moderator, at the opening of the meeting, stated the business to be transacted and the order of the same as listed in the agenda and to transact other business as is by law required or permitted.

The Clerk read the meeting notice that was posted at the Town Hall in New Germany.

The clerk read the minutes of the March 8, 2016 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Dan Martin, seconded by Stender to approve the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

Discussions were held on the proposed 2018 fire contracts. Representing the NYA Fire Dept. was fire chief Steve Zumberge. He reported on the total number of calls and training hours, 2016 expenses and breakdown of the Townships contributions toward the purchase of the new pumper. Representing the Plato Fire Dept. was fire chief Jay Wood. He shared procuring \$100,00 FEMA grant for turnout gear and air packs. Plans to sell 2 trucks and replace with 1. He also recognized Virgil Stender for his past years of service to the Township and the great working relationship.

Franklin Schoenke noticed in the that expenses in some funds were more than budgeted. The board verified with the county that these overages are due to delinquent taxes carried over the years, thus increasing the delinquent amounts every year.

Moderator Meuleners asked Treasurer Denise Zellmann to read the audited 2016 Financial Report. Anders Maki asked what sale of investment was. Denise explained it's the renewal of a CD. Motion by Stender, seconded by Maki to approve the 2016 Financial Report as read. Motion carried.

There was request by Carver SWCD to announce upcoming informational meeting 3/16/17 regarding Buffer Law.

Road Report: Dust Control: Gerry Goede reported on the costs from 2016 for gravel and dust control, and the plans for 2017. Estimate cost for dust control in 2017 \$84,500; and 1300 yards of gravel at 12.97/yd. Dan Martin asked whether or not to send in payment for dust control. Dust control will not be applied on less traveled roads and roads prone to flooding. Mike Deering questioned dust control on flood prone roads. Meuleners asked how much Township received in dust control payments. Clerk Goede reported \$3,052.35 in 2016, noting that CUP's are still required to pay for dust control. Rodger Kirchhoff stated his road has a tremendous amount of gravel graded into the ditch. Gary Grimm stated since his road has dust control there has been no gravel in his ditch. Jeff Caswell stated he had a tough time grading this fall with the wet weather. Goede stated that approximately 32 miles of road will be dust coated. Julie Rocheleau questioned when is dust control applied? It all depends on weather, when dust control company's schedule – many variables. Devine proposed to do as much dust control as possible on heavier traveled and in just in front of houses on less traveled; seconded by Kirchhoff. After discussion the Township board decides dust control. Devine retracted his proposal, and Kirchhoff retracted his second.

Goede reported that the southern end 1 mile of Tacoma Ave will be rebuilt this year. 94th in 2018. He mentioned approximate cost of \$60,000. And culvert replacement also on Tacoma Ave. & 94th St.

Buffalo Creek Bridge Replacement: Scheduled for fall 2017 or spring 2018. Grand total for project is \$600,000. Township Assn. has bridge fund to cover the majority of the project, with an estimated cost to the township of \$20,000.

84th St: River erosion from 2014 flood damage. Township is working with county, army corps of engineers and Soil & Water on this project. No definite timeline and plans continue to be changed.

Planting Crops in Road Right Of Way: Grimm stated some crossroads are very dangerous leaving township very vulnerable if an accident were to happen. Grimm said to send a certified letter to all the residents in violation. There was discussion stating that trees planted in ROW have to have owner's permission to cut if more than 6" in diameter.

Authorize Board to adopt an ordinance to allow permitting and regulation of manure lines in the right of way under Minn. Stat. 160.27: Clerk Goede read recommendation from Minn. Assn. of Townships that each Township pass a resolution to allow township to permit if need be. Motion by Jeremy Meuwissen not to authorize ordinance, seconded by Duane Wolff. Wolff stated permit would cost nothing now, but eventually there would be a cost. Moderator Meuleners called for a show of hands to not allow ordinance. Results: 11 no, 11 yes. Motion failed-no action was taken.

Marking All Culverts: Devine discussed installing PVC pipe and marking clearly all culverts to mark clearly to prevent smashed culverts, will be. Bill Lueth asked how big of a problem this is. Caswell commented there are less than 10 per year, to be straightened with Porta-Power. No action taken – board will take under advisement.

Levy Recommendation: Discussion on increase in everyone's tax bill for Township. Grimm spoke on actual trends – county sets the property valuations. Wolff, Ekdahl, and Schrupp spoke on increases of 50-61% from their last year's property taxes, with the explanation of increase of \$100,000 to road & bridge fund accounted for a majority of the tax increase. Stender asked if \$190,000 was enough for road & bridge. Meuwissen had figured roughly of proposed dust control and other items planned for 2017. There is a balance of \$108,000 currently in road & bridge fund, so there would be enough funds.

Proposed:

General Levy - \$50,000. Motion by Stender, seconded by Maki to approve levy as presented of \$50,000. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge - \$190,000 Motion by Stender, seconded by Maki to approve levy as presented of \$190,000. Motion carried.

Fire Fund - \$72,000. Motion by Dennis Schrupp, seconded by Deering to approve levy as presented of \$72,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made Stender, seconded by Zellmann to recommend the following papers for the publishing of legal notices: The Waconia Patriot, NYA Times and the Herald Journal. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stender, seconded by Cathy Deering to hold the 2018 Annual meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in March at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Shed. Motion carried.

Open discussion: Deering commented if other areas have a problem with dumping, and if there are any cost effective deterrents to prevent. It was mentioned that DNR may have more authority to pursue offenders rather than the sheriff's office action.

There being no further discussion or business, a motion was made by Stender, seconded by Martin to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:09 P.M.

Michael OMeullevens
Moderator

