

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Erin Riley, Dean Wallin, Sandy Wallin, Hunter Pauly, Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Steve Conley, Tina Zinter and Alieca Johnson. County Commissioner Bob Olean was present at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moderator:** Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tina Zinter to nominate Duane Laveau to preside over the meeting as Moderator. Motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes of the Annual Meeting dated March 8, 2011, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 13, 2011, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Steve Conley; seconded by Brian Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Board of Audit Report:** Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tina Zinter to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

**Road and Bridge:** Duane Laveau reported that Gault and Puype Roads have been blacktopped and shouldered. Cracks were sealed on Ableiter and Maere and regular maintenance will continue on the other roads as necessary. Improvement of Thell Road is the next priority with reclaiming and surveying to be considered in 2012.

**Fire/Ambulance:** It is the Board's recommendation that the 2013 fire levy be lowered from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The Fire Department would like to buy a Kawasaki Mule, but plan to do so only if they can obtain grants and donations. The Department has been awarded a FEMA grant for the new 800 MHz radios that will be required. They should be able to obtain approximately \$50,000 worth of equipment for \$200.

**Town Hall:** Brian Johnson reported that the Township had contacted Carlton County Economic Development about grants for the hall roof, but there doesn't appear to be any programs available. The Township will continue to plan for the project. The aging refrigerator at the hall will be replaced.

**Cemetery:** One lot was sold in 2011. The Cemetery Fund now has a negative balance of (\$782.94). The deficit will once again be split between Silver Brook, Wrenshall Township and the City of Wrenshall.

**Financial:** Tina Zinter reported that the Township earned \$3,496.28 in interest in 2011. The beginning balance for all funds was \$319,142.31 and the ending balance was \$228,471.92. The biggest disbursement was from Road & Bridge for \$145,067.82 which included the paving of Gault and Puype Roads.

**Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions:** Motion by Tina Zinter; seconded by Steve Conley to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2012 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

**Proposed 2013 Levy:** The Board was notified that they would need to increase the levy to Road & Bridge to \$51,000 to receive gas tax monies. Therefore, the proposed 2013 Levy was set as follows: General: \$24,000; Road & Bridge: \$51,000; Fire: \$5,000; and Health & Rec: \$2,000. Total: \$82,000. Once again the proposed levy amounts will be reviewed and finalized at the continued annual meeting in September.

**Health and Recreation Requests:** Hunter Pauly appeared to request funds for an Eagle Scout project. His proposed project is to re-side the concession/equipment building at the Wrenshall School football field. He has a quote for materials for \$1,200 and has raised \$900 so far. Editor Erin Riley appeared to request funds for the Images newspaper. Dean and Sandy Wallin reported that Brickyard Days will take place on August 3 & 4, 2012, and also requested financial support. Plans include a Wrenshall Rumble wrestling event at the high school as the Friday night attraction. The Miss Brickyard Day's pageant will be held in April, and the winner will take part in Brickyard Days and other events throughout the year. Donation requests will be considered at the March Regular Meeting.

**Posting Locations: Motion** by Brian Johnson; seconded by Duane Laveau to post township notices at the Town Hall, Post Office, One Stop , Brickyard Restaurant, and on the township website. Motion carried.

**Publication:** Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tina Zinter to publish township notices in the Images, Pine Journal and Northland Smart Shopper. Motion carried.

**Depository:** Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Brian Johnson to set Northwoods Credit Union as the official township depository. Motion carried.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be holding an open house meeting for area residents to learn more about the gypsy moth and planned aerial spraying on March 26, 2012, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at the Cloquet Public Library.

**Date and Location of 2013 Annual Meeting:** Motion by Steve Conley; seconded by Duane Laveau to set the 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the third Tuesday in March, 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tina Zinter to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:45 PM until Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

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Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)