

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

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Steve Conley, Tina Zinter Images Editor Erin Riley; Assistant Fire Chief Pete Laveau, County Commissioner Bob Olean and Alieca Johnson.

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

Moderator: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Steve Conley to nominate Duane Laveau to preside over the meeting as Moderator. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes of the Annual Meeting dated March 13, 2012, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 11, 2012, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Tina Zinter; seconded by Brian Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report: Motion by Steve Conley; seconded by Tina Zinter to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: No major road projects were attempted this year because of damages caused by June flooding. Approximately one half of the township roads were damaged at a cost of around \$27,000. Enbridge did a majority of the repairs to Stroud Road. FEMA funding helped to cover other costs incurred. Repair of Thell Road had been considered, but may be on hold due to planned pipeline expansion in 2014 or 2015.

Fire/Ambulance: The Department responded to approximately 100 runs last year. They are continuing to collect magazines and fundraise to purchase an ATV. They have raised about \$2,600 of the \$13,000 needed. The Fire Department is in need of additional space and options are being considered. The possibility of Silver Brook contributing to the ATV and the hall expansion were briefly discussed.

Town Hall: The hall refrigerator has been replaced. Sealcoating and restriping of the parking lot will be looked into this summer. The roof project is on hold.

Cemetery: One lot was sold in 2012. Lot prices set in January of 2011 remain in effect as follows: Resident: \$300/lot and Non-resident \$600/lot. All disbursements from the Cemetery Fund were for lawn care. Costs were split equally with the City of Wrenshall and Wrenshall Township.

Financial: The township started 2012 with \$228,471.52; receipts were \$12,785.98; disbursements: \$87,272.78 with an ending balance of \$253,984.72. \$26,591.18 was received from FEMA. Interest of \$2,081.99 was earned and \$1,755.88 was spent on elections.

Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions: Motion by Tina Zinter; seconded by Pete Laveau to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2014 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

Proposed 2014 Levy: The Board has been notified that townships no longer have to levy a certain percentage into Road & Bridge to be eligible for gas tax monies. It is the Board's recommendation that proposed levy amounts remain as previously set until reviewed at the Continuation Meeting in September. Therefore, proposed 2014 levy amounts are as follows: General: \$24,000; Road & Bridge: \$51,000; Fire: \$5,000; and Health & Rec: \$2,000. Total: \$82,000.

Health and Recreation Requests: Images Editor Erin Riley thanked the Township for past donations and asked for continued support. Letters requesting funds were received from Post Prom, 6th Grade Class-Laurentian Trip; Father-Daughter Ball; Seven County Senior Federation and the Carlton County Historical Society. All requests will be considered at the next regular meeting.

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

Publication: Motion by Pete Laveau; 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.

Date and Location of 2014 Annual Meeting: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tina Zinter to set the 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2014, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Tina Zinter; seconded by Steve Conley to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:45 PM until Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)