

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Tina Zinter, Images Editor Erin Riley; Wrenshall Fire Chief Randy Wolf, Commissioner Bob Olean, John “Sandy” Dugan and Alieca Johnson.

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

Moderator: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Randy Wolf 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, 2013, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 10, 2013, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Brian Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Road and Bridge: Cracks were sealed on a number of township roads. The County was hired to brush ditches last fall and will continue with Thell Road later this spring. Resurfacing of Thell and a request to resurface Matten will be considered after pipeline expansion. Washouts on S. Maere were fixed and a new culvert installed. Trees blocking the stop sign on Puype have finally been removed by the County. The Board is planning their annual road survey and an additional night drive of township roads to check sign reflectivity.

Fire/Ambulance: There were 78 fire and EMS calls in 2013. The fire department is still collecting magazines/donations for the purchase of an ATV and currently has \$7,179 in the fund. They plan to hire the Wrenshall School Industrial Arts students to build a cold storage addition to the fire hall.

Town Hall: Work on the parking lot was completed last summer. Carlton Enterprises has been hired to clean the town hall.

Cemetery: There were no lot sales in 2013. The fund has a negative balance of \$1,344.19 which will be divided equally between the City of Wrenshall, Wrenshall Township and Silver Brook.

Financial: The township started 2013 with \$253,984.72; receipts were \$91,890.64; disbursements: \$54,941.74 with an ending balance of \$290,933.62. Interest of \$1,492.87 was earned

Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Tina Zinter to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2015 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

Proposed 2015 Levy: It is the Board’s recommendation that proposed levy amounts be as follows until reviewed at the Continuation Meeting in September: General: \$20,000; Road & Bridge: \$40,000; Fire: \$24,000; and Health & Rec: \$2,000. Total: \$86,000.

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

Posting Locations: Motion by Randy Wolf; 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 Duane Laveau; seconded by Brian Johnson to publish township notices in the Images, Pine Journal and Northland Smart Shopper. Motion carried.

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

Date and Location of 2015 Annual Meeting: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Tina Zinter to set the 2015 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Brian Johnson to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:10 PM until Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)