

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Steve Conley, Deborah Nyberg, Images Editor Erin Riley 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 11, 2014, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 9, 2014, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report: 2014 financial records were found to be in order. Ending balances for township funds were as follows: General Fund: \$33,599.16; Road & Bridge: \$256,109.26; Health/Rec: \$2,135.54; Emergency Services: \$34,320.90; Cemetery: (\$1,899.50)...Total: \$324,265.36. Motion by Steve Conley; seconded by Duane Laveau to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: Surveying of Thell Road is planned for this summer. Ablieter Road is deteriorating and is also being looked at for repair. Stroud Road will have to be patched where blacktop is settling.

Fire/Ambulance: No members from the fire department were in attendance. The Township has received the 2016 billing for ambulance services from the City of Carlton. Silver Brook's share of on-call fees have once again increased. Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Duane Laveau not to pay the new billing on the basis that the formula used remains unfair to the township. Motion carried.

Town Hall: The town hall was inspected at the request of our insurance company and replacement values verified. A few items cited included the need for a new exit sign, electrical panel labeling and keeping the side door clear of snow. Carlton Enterprises is doing a good job keeping the hall clean.

Cemetery: There were no lot sales in 2014. The fund has a negative balance of \$1,899.50 which will be divided equally between the City of Wrenshall, Wrenshall Township and Silver Brook.

Financial: The township started 2014 with \$290,933.62; receipts were \$90,136.68; disbursements: \$56,356.87 with an ending balance of \$324,265.36.

Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions: Motion by Deborah Nyberg; seconded by Steve Conley to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2016 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

Proposed 2016 Levy: It is the Board's recommendation that levy amounts shall remain the same as last year. The following proposed levy amounts will be 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.

2015 Health and Recreation Requests: Images Editor Erin Riley thanked the Township for past donations and asked for continued support. Letters from other groups/organizations requesting funds were considered. Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Duane Laveau to distribute funds as follows: Images-\$1000; Post Prom-\$200, Father-Daughter Ball-\$100; Seven County Senior Federation-\$0, Carlton County Fair-\$200 and the Carlton County Historical Society-\$200. Motion carried.

Posting Locations: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Steve Conley to post township notices at the Town Hall, Post Office, Brickyard Restaurant, and on the township website. Motion carried.

Publication: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Deborah Nyberg 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 Northwood's Credit Union as the official township depository. Motion carried.

Other: Vacating various township roads has been tabled and will not be pursued at this time.

Date and Location of 2016 Annual Meeting: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Brian Johnson to set the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2016, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:28 PM until Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)