

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 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 10, 2015, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 8, 2015, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report: 2015 financial records were found to be in order. Ending balances for township funds were as follows: General Fund: \$35,187.09; Road & Bridge: \$293,817.77; Health/Rec: \$2,252.95; Emergency Services: \$45,902.03; Cemetery: (\$197.01)...Total: \$376,952.83. Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Steve Conley to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: The County is currently brushing Legarde, Stroud, and South Maere Roads. The Road repair is on hold due to continuing delays to the Enbridge project now set for 2018. Repair of Ableiter Road could begin this year if the County decides to do reclaiming this summer.

Fire/Ambulance: The Township has received the 2016 and 2017 billings for on-call wages from the City of Carlton. Silver Brook's share of on-call fees have once again increased. It remains the consensus that the Township should not pay the new billings on the basis that the formula used remains unfair. A new fire contract with the City of Wrenshall was previously reviewed by the Board. Silver Brook will execute the new contract if it is accepted the other townships involved.

Town Hall: The door and lock at the main entrance to the town hall needs to be repaired or replaced. A few new chairs will be purchased from Sam's Club in the near future.

Cemetery: \$1,800 was collected last year for lots sold. Lawn care expenses were \$1,997.01 leaving a negative balance of (\$197.01). A notice that lots are available will be placed in the next Images.

Financial: The newest version of CTAS has been installed. \$150,000 has been moved to MCCU to guarantee that all township monies are NCUA insured. A 12-month CD was purchased with those funds. PERA is now reported electronically.

Motion by Deborah Nyberg; seconded by Brian Johnson to allow up to \$2,000 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

Proposed 2017 Levy: It is the Board's recommendation that levy amounts shall remain the same as 2016. 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.

2016 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 Duane Laveau; seconded by Brian Johnson to distribute funds as follows: Images-\$1200; Post Prom-\$200, Father-Daughter Ball-\$100; Seven County Senior Federation-\$0, Carlton County Fair-\$200 and the Carlton County Historical Society-\$200. Total: \$1,900. Motion carried.

Posting Locations: Motion by Brian Johnson; 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 Brian Johnson; seconded by Duane Laveau to set Northwood's Credit Union and Members Cooperative Credit Union as the official township depositories. Motion carried.

Date and Location of 2017 Annual Meeting: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Steve Conley to set the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Steve Conley to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:37 PM until Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)