

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf, Deborah Nyberg, Erin Riley; Clyde Ankrum, David Bellert, Tim Kaspari, Pete Laveau, Matt Laveau, Janaki Fisher-Merritt, Derek Wolf and Alieca Johnson.

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

**Moderator:** Motion by Wolf; seconded by Ankrum 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, 2018, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 12, 2018, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Wolf; seconded by Ankrum to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Board of Audit Report:** Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Nyberg to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

**Road and Bridge:** The township hired Kiminski Paving to complete crack sealing last year. Some bigger holes and cracks on Cemetery Road were repaired. The County is too busy in 2019 to take on Ableiter Road so the project is on hold until 2020. Resurfacing Matten Road has been discussed, but will not be considered until Enbridge Line #3 is installed. Brushing of township roads and the condition of Tew Road will be looked at during the 2019 road survey.

**Fire/Ambulance:** Fire Chief Pete Laveau reported that the Wrenshall Fire Department had 111 runs last year 30 fire and 81 medical. Twenty-nine of the medical were in Silver Brook Township. The Department has applied for a regional FEMA grant with the Esko Fire Department to have a better chance of receiving funds for SCBAs. Seven new recruits have joined for a total of 24 active members. Carlton Chief Derek Wolf gave an overview of the Carlton Ambulance budget and the suggested billing sent for on-call wages to all townships. Silver Brook's portions would be \$13,181.30 due in 2020. Forty percent of townships currently pay the requested fee. Residents in townships paying the fee receive a slightly reduced billing for ambulance service. What that reduction would be if Silver Brook paid a percentage of the bill will be reviewed.

**Town Hall:** New tables and chairs have been purchased. The township received \$474 for items sold on Lot4bid.

**Financial:** The township ended 2018 with a balance of: \$288,427.56. Interest received from the \$100,000 CD was \$492.77. Expenses paid in 2018 included: Tables/chairs-\$3,932.06; Kiminski Paving-\$13,185.00; and election judge pay for primary and general elections-\$1,700.

**Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions:** Motion by Pete Laveau; seconded by Ankrum to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2020 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

**Proposed 2020 Levy:** It is the Board's recommendation that proposed levy amounts be as follows until reviewed at the Continuation Meeting in September: General: \$25,000; Road & Bridge: \$60,000; Emergency Services: \$10,000; and Health & Rec: \$1,000. Total: \$96,000.

**Health and Recreation Requests:** Editor Erin Riley thanked the Township for past donations and gave a brief report. Letters requesting funds were also received from Post Prom, Father-Daughter Ball; Seven County Senior Federation, Carlton County Historical Society; Arrowhead Library System; Carlton County Fair and Wrenshall Brickyard Days. All requests will be considered at the next regular meeting.

**Posting Locations:** Motion by Ankrum; seconded by Brian Johnson to post township notices at the Town Hall, Post Office, Brickyard Restaurant, and on the township website;

**Publication:** To publish township notices in the Images, Pine Journal and Northland Smart Shopper; and

**Depository:** To set Northwoods Credit Union and Members Cooperative Credit Unions as the official township depositories. Motion carried.

School Board Members Janaki Fisher-Merritt and Matt Laveau gave an overview and answered questions about the \$14.4 Million school referendum that will be voted in May 2019.

**Date and Location of 2020 Annual Meeting:** Motion by Nyberg; seconded by Wolf to set the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Brian Johnson to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:10 PM until Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

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Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)