

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Samantha Nyberg, Debbie Nyberg, Duane Laveau, Erin Riley, Alieca Johnson, John Hustad, Brian Johnson, and Randy Wolf.

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

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

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes of the Annual Meeting dated March 12, 2019, and the minutes of the Continuation of Annual Meeting, dated September 10, 2019, 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: Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: Ulland Brothers was awarded the bid for Ableiter Road Improvement at \$187,767.64. The road will be reclaimed with reconstruction to provide a 22' surface and shouldering. A quote for brushing from Precision was received last fall at \$8,600. Brushing will be completed this spring or fall weather permitting.

Fire/Ambulance. The Fire Department had 87 runs in 2019; 54 medical and 33 fire. There are at 20 runs to date 2020. The 2020 fire budget was increased \$5,000 to increase funding available for equipment or hall improvements. A fourth attempt at a FEMA grant for SCBAs will be submitted next week. Equipment is now ten years out of compliance and replacement will need to be considered in 2021 even if a grant is not received.

Town Hall: Carlton Enterprises has ended its contract with us and Deborah Nyberg has taken over cleaning of the hall. The Board will consider purchasing more chairs for the hall in 2020.

Financial: The Township ended 2019 with a balance of: \$330,900.34. \$4,800 was received from Enbridge for repair of Matten Road, and \$3,000 came from cemetery lot sales. Expenses included \$1,402.99 for election judge expenses for a special election. Tax levies monies received were reduced \$9,797.23 to repay the Enbridge tax settlement for years 2015-2018.

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

Proposed 2021 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: \$2,000. Total: \$97,000.

Health and Recreation Requests: Editor Erin Riley thanked the Township for continued support. Letters requesting funds were also received from Post Prom; Seven County Senior Federation, Carlton

County Historical Society; and the Arrowhead Library System. All requests will be considered at the next regular meeting.

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

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

Depository: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Randy Wolf to set Northwoods Credit Union as the primary and Members Cooperative Credit Unions as the secondary township depositories. Motion carried.

Date and Location of 2021 Annual Meeting: Motion by Deborah Nyberg; seconded by Duane Laveau to set the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Randy Wolf to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:35 PM until Tuesday, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)