

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Deborah Nyberg, Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf and Alieca Johnson. Erin Riley attended the meeting via Free Conference Call.

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 10, 2020, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Randy Wolf to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Road and Bridge: Ableiter Road has been reclaimed and has 3” of new blacktop. The Township was able to negotiate a reduction of \$17,649 with Ulland due to poor ride tolerances. Brushing on Cemetery, Maere, South Maere, Puype, Stroud, Garthus Thell and Matten Roads was completed in 2020. Cemetery Road will be the next road due for reconstruction with costs expected to be in the \$800,000 range. The township will call the County about speed limit signs ordered for the north and south ends of Matten Road that haven’t been installed yet.

Fire/Ambulance. The Wrenshall Fire Department has applied for a FEMA grant for SCBAs once again. Fire Chief Pete Laveau has met with the city’s engineering firm to start work on a design for an addition to the fire hall.

Town Hall: The hall remains closed to rentals due to COVID-19. Rentals will be considered once restrictions are lifted.

Financial: The Township ended 2020 with a balance of: \$273,761.94. The final amount paid for work on Ableiter Road was \$166,507.52 which included the reduction from Ulland Brothers. The Township received \$16,175 in COVID-19 relief aid which was used to buy personal protection gear for the Wrenshall Fire Department. Election judge expenses in 2020 were \$1,155.20.

Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions: Motion by Deborah Nyberg; seconded by Brian Johnson to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2021 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 the Seven County Senior Federation, Father-Daughter

Ball and the Arrowhead Library System. All requests will be considered at the next regular meeting.

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

Publication: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Randy Wolf to publish township notices in the Images and the Pine Knot. Motion carried.

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

Date and Location of 2022 Annual Meeting: Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to set the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to recess the Annual Town Meeting until Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)