

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR/REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf, Deborah Nyberg and Alieca Johnson. Resident Tim Kaspari was also present.

Mr. Kaspari asked the Board to consider vacating Tew Road so that it can become a private driveway. The Township will contact the Minnesota Association of Townships for information on vacating public roads.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 16, 2021, were reviewed. Motion by Johnson; seconded by Wolf to approve the clerk's minutes as read with the addition of the adoption of Resolution 21-01 (Motion Laveau/second Wolf) setting the town hall as the official polling location in 2022 which had been omitted from the November minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report showing a current balance of \$259,258,33, Motion carried. The final tax settlement of 2021 was received and the levy was reduced \$6,594 for the NNG tax settlement. The Treasurer watched a webinar on the new rules for use of ARPA funds. The township can classify the funds as revenue replacement and they can then be used for government services. A resolution developed the Minnesota Association of Townships needed to correctly classify ARPA funds as lost revenue was reviewed and will be considered at the annual meeting.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Wolf to pay the township bills as submitted (check #s7404-7413, DC1-2021 & EFTIRS1/2022). Motion carried.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Wolf to set 2022 township meeting dates, appointments and pay rates as follows:

Regular township meetings will be set for the third Tuesday of odd numbered months. All meetings will now convene at a new time of 6:00 PM at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Any necessary changes to the meeting schedule or additions of special meetings will be duly posted.

Duane Laveau, Chairman of the Board
Brian Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Tina Zinter, Deputy Treasurer and Doreen Laveau, Deputy Clerk. Salary shall be \$100/year plus, \$15/hour, plus mileage. If the event that a deputy is required to fill a vacant seat the remaining yearly salary for the position shall be paid instead of the hourly wage.

Mileage rate: at the 2022 Federal Mileage Rate
Board hourly pay: \$25/hour
Day-long meetings: \$120
Regular meeting pay: \$100
Double-meeting pay: \$120

Election judge: \$25/hour + one meal + mileage
Treasurer salary: \$3,000/year
Clerk salary: \$5,000/year
Annual Meeting Moderator: \$100
Custodian Pay: \$25/hour

Cemetery Sexton: Randy Wolf: \$400/year + \$25/hour + mileage
Road Supervisor: Duane Laveau: \$400/year + \$25/hour + mileage
Building Supervisor: Brian Johnson: \$400/year + \$25/hour + mileage

Motion carried.

The Wrenshall Fire Department has indicated that monies needed for SCBAs may be lower than expected. An update will be given when final numbers come in. The yearly charge for fire protection will remain the same as in 2021 at \$16,020.

Planning for the Carlton County Judicial Center is moving forward. The question that will be on the November ballot is whether or not \$60 Million of the cost of the new jail will be covered by sales tax or by tax assessment. If anyone has any questions for the jail planning committee please contact the township clerk.

Motion by Johnson; seconded by Wolf to adopt Resolution 22-01 revoking mail balloting and returning to in-person voting for elections in 2022 and going forward. Motion carried.

Customary Practices for the Silver Brook Township Cemetery were reviewed. It was confirmed that Paragraph 2-Grave Openings does require all graves to have a concrete vault.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Chairman (date)