

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Deborah Nyberg, Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf and Alieca Johnson, Erin Riley, Tim Kaspari, Eric Ankrum, Roger Gellerstedt, Eric Senarighi, Bill Irving.

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

Moderator: Motion by Brian Johnson seconded by Deborah Nyberg to nominate Duane Laveau to preside over the meeting as Moderator. Motion carried.

Members of the Carlton County Riders ATV Club attended the meeting to ask for the township's support of their request to the DNR to open the dirt portion of the Alex Laveau Trail east of Highway 23 for use by ATVs. Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Duane Laveau to provide a letter of support for this change. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes of the Annual Meeting dated March 9, 2021, were read. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Deborah Nyberg; seconded by Brian Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report: Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Tim Kaspari to approve the Board of Audit Report as read. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: Sinnott Blacktop was hired to complete mastic sealing of Cemetery Road. They will be back this spring to fix/finish the job. Resurfacing Cemetery Road is the next priority. Tim Kaspari was at the meeting to request that Tew Road be vacated and designated as a private driveway. Information on the process was given to Mr. Kaspari and he will work on collecting required signatures. Enbridge will be back this spring to make repairs to roads damaged during construction.

Fire/Ambulance: Eric Ankrum reported that attempts for FEMA grants have been unsuccessful. Thirteen SCBAs have now been ordered. A FEMA grant for a new fire truck was submitted and Chief Laveau has been talking to contractors about hall expansion options.

Town Hall: COVID restrictions have been lifted and rentals have resumed. In-person voting will return, and the Board is looking into resurfacing the hall parking lot.

Cemetery: The old fencing has been taken down. Posts used as the grid system for locating graves remain until another option is available. \$2,400 was received for lots purchased in 2021. After expenses the Cemetery Fund has a balance of \$246.23 so no billings to the City or Wrenshall Township will be needed. Additionally, the old shed has been removed, trees trimmed, and the fence line has been sprayed.

Financial: The Township ended 2021 with a balance of: \$259,298.33. The township applied for and received \$23,490.32 for the first half of American Relief Funds. A second payment will be received in August 2022. Receipts from hall rentals in 2021 were \$410.

Authorizing Health and Recreation Distributions: Motion by Randy Wolf; seconded by Deborah

Nyberg to allow the township to distribute up to \$2,000 in 2022 for health and recreation requests. Motion carried.

Proposed 2023 Levy: It is the Board's recommendation that proposed levy amounts be as follows until reviewed at the Continuation Meeting in September: General: \$30,000; Road & Bridge: \$44,000; Emergency Services: \$35,000; and Health & Rec: \$1,000. Total: \$110,000.

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. Eric Ankrum asked the township to consider support of the Carlton/Wrenshall Baseball & Softball Association. 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 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 Brian Johnson to set Northwoods Credit Union as the primary and Members Cooperative Credit Union as the secondary township depositories. Motion carried.

Date and Location of 2023 Annual Meeting: Motion by Duane Laveau; seconded by Randy Wolf to set the 2023 Annual Town Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, 2023, at 7:00 PM, at the Silver Brook Town Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Johnson; seconded by Deborah Nyberg to recess the Annual Town Meeting (at 7:50 PM) until Tuesday, September 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Moderator (date)