

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 PM

Attendance: Duane Laveau, Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf, Deborah Nyberg and Alieca Johnson. Attorney Charles Andresen-Hanft-Friede Law Firm, Peggy and Clarence Douville, Tim Kaspari, Steve Fall and DNR representative Mike Trup were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on the vacation of Tew Road. Attorney Andresen gave an overview of the process for vacating a road. If vacated, abutting property owners would own to the middle of the road. The road would become private and the owners would be responsible for plowing and maintenance. Mike Trup from the Minnesota DNR was sent by the US Forestry Service. The Forestry Service owns lands on both sides of the west end of Tew Road at Highway 23. He shared that if the road is vacated it is not guaranteed that the Forestry Service would maintain its portion or grant an easement to allow residents to cross to their properties

Attorney Andresen indicated that his office had reached out to the State of Minnesota and the Attorney General's Office and that he had not received any objection to the vacation. His office will reach out again to the State of Minnesota for clarification.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Wolf to move forward with the vacation of Tew Road subject to the Forestry's approval of an easement granting access to the property owners to the east. Motion carried.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

CONTINUATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting continued with Duane Laveau as Moderator. Duane Laveau and Randy Wolf attended the first meeting of the Carlton Ambulance advisory board. The plan to hire a FT Manager and FT EMT will move forward. The City of Carlton will cover any shortfalls caused by cities or townships that do not participate. Momentum has slowed, but the board feels that it should include an increased amount for Fire/Ambulance in its 2024 budget to cover the anticipated 2024 billing. Motion by Johnson; seconded by Wolf to approve the 2024 levy as follows:

General:	\$ 30,000	
Road & Bridge:	\$ 45,000	
FireAmbulance	66,000 (includes \$30,796-Carlton Amb)	
Health & Rec:	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	
TOTAL:	\$142,000	Motion carried.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried.
The meeting continued with its regular session as follows:

REGULAR MEETING

Steve Fall expressed concerns about damage done to his property and property markers and debris left of the road by the company the township hired to brush this past spring. Duane Laveau and Randy

Wolf will drive the road and look into his concerns.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting-July 15, 2023, and the Special Meeting-August 15, 2023, were presented. Motion by Wolf; seconded by Johnson to approve the clerk's minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer presented the following report: Bank Statement Balance 08/31/23: \$354,787.64. Receipts and disbursements were reviewed. Motion by Wolf; seconded by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson to pay the township bills as submitted (check #s 7552-7571 and EFTIRS8/2023 and EFTIRS9/2023). Motion carried.

The Board will meet again for its next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

Duane Laveau, Chairman (date)