

CENTER TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 14, 2023, 8:15 PM

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by clerk, Coralea Borden. Pledge was led.

Melonie Flaws; I nominate Tom Borden as moderator. Leon Yeager; I second; unanimous aye.

Minutes of 2022 annual meeting were distributed. Moderator asks for any corrections to be made to 2022 minutes; Jim Converse makes motion to approve minutes; Melonie Flaws I second; all aye; motion carried.

General Report: Leon Yeager reports that township has been pretty quiet for this last year. Pickle ball lines will be painted on tennis court in spring. Repair to gutters on town hall due to ice build-up have been made. Steve Gilbert gave report on APRA funds. Center town ship has paid \$44,000 to CTC for broadband for 12 residents in town ship. Mission Fire is working on proposal to spend remaining funds on emergency equipment.

Road Report: Yeager reports that dust control was once again placed on several roads in 2022. A couple culverts need replaced this summer along with a dip in the road on Executive Acres.

Cemetery: Yeager reports that cemetery has been in good shape with Jay taking great care maintaining it.

Fire Report: Yeager reports that Center had 51 calls in 2022. Mostly medical. Fire contract will be discussed further in 2026.

2022 Financial reports were distributed; Tom Borden asked if everyone had a chance to look over the reports. Leon Yeager; I make motion to approve 2022 reports; Steve Gilbert; I second; all aye; motion carried.

Leon Yeager reports that board is proposing a \$25,000 increase to road fund as prices for maintaining paved roads has increased & repairs are needed. Board is also requesting a \$5,000 increase to Bond Repayment fund due to decrease in Bond sellers credit that township has been receiving. All other funds to remain the same. Total levy to increase from \$320,000 to \$350,000. Leon Yeager; I make motion to approve 2024 proposed levy; Steve Gilbert; I second; all aye; motion carried.

Melonie Flaws; I make motion to set 2024 Annual meeting for Tuesday March 14, 2024 at 8:15pm; Steve Gilbert; I second; all aye; motion carried.

Melonie Flaws; I make motion to spend up to \$300.00 for annual township picnic; Leon Yeager; I second; all aye; motion carried.

Starting in April, monthly meeting times will move from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. Board feels this may draw more people to meetings.

Borden reports that the Board of Canvass met prior to meeting to certify the election results of the township election. There were a total of 12 voters. Leon Yeager received 12 votes for supervisor; Melonie Flaws 12 votes for Treasurer. Steve Gilbert; I make motion to adjourn; Leon Yeager; I second; all aye; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm