

CENTER TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by substitute clerk Linda McCabe at 8:15 pm.

McCabe explained the necessity to nominate a moderator for tonight's meeting. Motion Linda McCabe: "I nominate Tom Borden." Curt Wahl: "I second." All aye.

A representative from New Pathways explained their program. They are requesting donations from townships in which people they have helped live and would like a donation from Center Township if possible.

Approval of 2013 annual meeting minutes: Laureen Borden: "I make a motion that the minutes be approved." Curt Wahl: "I second." All aye.

McCabe gave General report: Township picnic August 19 was well-attended. More help is always needed. Town hall doors were painted. Red tailings at the back of the hall were replaced with Class 5. Cracks in town hall parking lot were sealed. Well at old town hall may have to be abandoned, as it keeps testing positive for e-Coli.

McCabe gave Road report: Annual road tour was held in May last year. 2013 projects included crack-sealing on Rebel and Sorenson; adding Class 5 and shaping Blue Bonnet and Old Mill South; adding Class 5 to Borden; widening and adding Class 5 to entire length of Silver Lake Road; and adding Class 5 to Riley Road. Also removed some problematic or potentially problematic trees on Sorenson Lake Road, Indianhead Road, Old Mill Road, and Rebel Road.

McCabe gave the Cemetery report: Two large white pines were removed and some branches cut due to White Pine Blister Rust and the two trees were replaced with others. Merrifield Marathons snowmobile club gave the township use of their stump-grinder and the township gave them \$75.

McCabe gave the Fire report: There will be an increase in 2015 which is reflected in the levy request. Supervisors will be comparing prices of getting service from Nisswa or Brainerd. The service from Mission has been excellent, but the cost keeps increasing. No decision to change will be made without certainty that service will remain excellent.

Financial reports were distributed and approval requested. Curt Wahl: "I make a motion to approve." Roger Meakins: "I second". All aye.

Levy request for 2015 is the same as for 2015. Jim Converse asked how salaries were allotted and Borden explained that the board has that statutory authority. Gail Lunde: "I make a motion to approve the 2015 levy." Roger Meakins: "I second." All aye.

Motion requested to set date and time of next annual meeting at 8:15 on March 10, 2015. Roger Meakins: "I make that motion." Laureen Borden: "I second." All aye.

McCabe informed the group that this group can make recommendations to the board as to donations to charitable groups and for the annual township picnic. No motion on donating to charitable groups. Gail Lunde: "I make a motion that we continue with the annual picnic for a total of \$200; Laureen Borden: "I second."

There was no Board of Canvass because only one supervisor was present. McCabe read the results of the election: 8 voters; 8 votes for Coralea Borden as Clerk; 8 votes for Steve Box as supervisor. The reason for holding the township election in March instead of during the general elections was discussed.

Motion to adjourn was entertained. Gail Lunde: "I move to adjourn." Roger Meakins: "I second." All aye.

Minutes submitted by Linda McCabe.

