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ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 12, 2024

1. The meeting was called to Order at 8:44 pm by the Clerk.
2. Flag Pledge
3. Election Results:
Total of 26 voters
Supervisor – 3-year term
Ann Stafford – 23 Votes
Supervisor – 2-year term
Sonya Crocker – 26 Votes
Clerk – 2-year term
Breanna Cielinski - 25 votes
4. Mabel Kelby nominated Dick Kelby, 2nd by Mark Dranos, No other nominations. All in favor, nomination carried.
5. Rick Hennes moved to accept the Agenda as written, 2nd by Mabel Kelby. All in favor, motion passed.
6. Motion by Mabel Kelby to approve the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting: 2nd by Bonnie Orton. All in favor, motion passed.
7. The 2023 Treasurer’s Report was read by the Treasurer, Bonnie Orton. Sonya Crocker moved to accept the report as read, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all approved, motion carried.
8. The Clerk read the Board of Audit Report. The Board verified the total receipts for 2023 were \$218,569.45 and total disbursements were \$245,293.45. Receipts and claims were randomly reviewed and verified by the three supervisors. Sharon Seiler makes a motion to accept the Board of Audit Report as read, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all approved, motion carried.
9. Ed Klause, Road Maintenance Employee states that the roads are in good shape. Rick Hennes, Road Supervisor, says the axle on the tractor was fixed early last year, but then the oil pump went out, so the Board opted to buy a new tractor. The brush on the roads will slowly be cleaned up over the years. We worked together with Garrison Township to clean up Camp Lake Road, and then we hired out Forest Ridge to be cleaned up. The township is in the process of gaining another employee, he will be starting in April. This should help to get some of the brushing done and give Ed a

chance to retire. Dick Kelby compliments Ed and Rick for the excellent work they do for the township.

10. Levy Discussion:

Bonnie Orton Mentions that the price of everything is going up and in 2025 we will need to account for brushing as well as the possibility for needing gravel. Handouts of the budget for 2023 and 2024, and considerations for the 2024 Levy were reviewed and discussed.

Mabel Kelby made a motion to recommend the 2025 Levy amount be \$215,000; 2nd by Sarah Dranos. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Bonnie Orton made a motion for the 2025 Annual Township Election hours to be 3pm to 8 pm, 2nd by Saron Seiler. All in favor, motion passed.

13. Bonnie Orton made a motion for the location and time of 2025 Annual Township Meeting to be at the Town Hall, 22613 County Road 2, Brainerd, MN, following the election at 8:30 pm, 2nd by Saron Seiler. All approved, motion passed.

14. Discussion for Donations and Contracts:

- Martha Healy and Betsy Lundquist came to present to the people some of their equipment, to give them an idea of what the money is used for. They mentioned that in 2023 they had 51 phone calls of which 41 of those calls were for Roosevelt Township Residents. They have equipment that is 22 years old, and they are slowly trying to upgrade them since you are supposed to upgrade every 8 years, however they are still in good working order. AEDs are \$2000 for one, and they are looking to update 9 and then their encrypted Radios are \$6900. We are very appreciative of Pine Center 1st Responders. Sonya Crocker made a motion to contract for services with the Pine Center 1st Responders for \$5000, if they need more money, they have the option to come back and ask, 2nd by Mable Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Rick Hennes made a motion to pass on the Pulse Point donation at this point in time, 2nd by Mark Dranos, all in favor, motion carried.
- Mabel Kelby made a motion to contract for services with the Crisis Line & Referral Service for \$1,000, if they need more money they have the option to come back and ask, 2nd by Duard Bennett, all in favor, motion carried.
- Bonnie Orton made a motion to donate \$100 to the Crow Wing County Historical Society, 2nd by Sonya Crocker, all in favor, motion carried.
- Mark Dranos made a motion to donate \$100 to the CWC Fair Association, 2nd by Sarah Dranos, all in favor, motion carried.
- Mabel Kelby made a motion to donate \$200 to the Pierz Summer Youth Activities, 2nd by Bonnie Orton, all in favor, motion carried.

- Bonnie Orton moved to donate \$1000 to the Mille Lacs Health System, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sonya Crocker moved to donate \$250 to the Onamia Food Shelf, if they need more money they have the option to come back and ask, 2nd Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Rick Hennes moved to donate \$250 to the Garrison Food Shelf, if they need more money they have the option to come back and ask, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sherry Shockman moved to donate \$500 to Horizon Health , 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Breanna Cielinski makes a motion to pass on the Family Pathways at this point in time, since it is tied to the Onamia Food Shelf, 2nd by Mark Dranos, all in favor, motion carried.

15. Depositories of Town Funds:

- Bonnie Orton made a motion to keep as is, the depository of Town Funds at Deerwood Bank of Garrison for checking, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.

16. Posting & Publishing locations:

- Rick Hennes made a motion for posting locations to include the Town Hall, Bear Trax, Pine Center Tire, the township website and Facebook page as well as keeping the newspapers for publishing legal notices to remain as Mille Lacs Messenger, Morrison County Record and Brainerd Dispatch; 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.

17. Discussion of Wages of Town Officers, online payments & reports:

- Bonnie Orton made a motion for the meeting pay to remain the same as in the past at \$60 Chair, \$50 others, 2nd by Mark Dranos, all in favor, motion carried.
- Breanna Cielinski made a motion for work outside of meeting to be at \$20/hour, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sarah Dranos made a motion for the Clerk's Salary to increase to \$700, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.
- Mabel Kelby made a motion for the Treasurer's salary to increase to \$250, 2nd by Sonya Crocker, all in favor, motion carried.
- Sarah Dranos made a motion for the Election Judge pay to remain at \$20 per hour, but to have a per diem amount of \$15 per 4 hour shift for a meal, 2nd by Mark Dranos, motion carried.
- Mable Kelby made a motion for online payments to be made for Federal and State Taxes, and PERA payments, and the Credit Card payment, 2nd by Sherry Shockman, all in favor, motion carried.

18. History Books

- Breanna Cielinski, Clerk, mentions that she would like to put the 24 history books into PDF format, she mentions that it takes approximately 1 hour to complete 1 book. John Scalze makes a motion to allow Breanna to work up to 30 hours to put the history books into PDF format, 2nd by Mabel Kelby, all in favor, motion carried.

19. Elections – Hand Counting Discussion

- Bonnie Orton and Sonya Crocker discuss Hand Counting Election Ballots. They state that the county takes care of mail in ballots. They want to put it back to the way it used to be where the townships are in control of those ballots. They would have the absentee ballots sent to the clerk’s office. This decision needs to be decided by May 2024, so they are asking for permission to move forward with this plan. They want to take back the townships’ power. Dick Kelby makes a motion that we have a county election officer come to a meeting, so that the questions that all may have can be addressed by the election officer, 2nd by Sarah Dranos.

20. Open Forum:

- Lyle Krych says that we have an Admiralty Law Flag in the Town Hall, and that we should get a Common Law Flag so that we can say the pledge to the correct American Flag.
- Sarah and Mark Dranos were wondering if they could get some gravel on their road, Teak Lane, as there are some bad ruts. Ed and Rick said they will see what they can do. Lorri Vickerman would also like some more gravel on her road Oak Court, again they stated they will see what we can do as we are limited to gravel since the pit was out of clay.

21. Other Information:

The Federal & State guidelines for 2024 Mileage Reimbursement is 67 cents per mile.

22. Mabel Kelby moved the meeting to be adjourned, 2nd by Rick Hennes, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:17

Breanna Cielinski
Roosevelt Township Clerk

Approved _____

Dick Kelby, Moderator
