

Rolling Green Township
Minutes of the Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting
March 8, 2016

Polls were open from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

After the polls were closed a public canvass of the votes was held.

Brian Wannarka received 9 votes for Supervisor. Brian Wannarka was declared elected Supervisor for a term of 3 years to fill the place of Brian Wannarka, whose term expires.

Dan Bebernes received 9 votes for Clerk. Dan Bebernes was declared elected Clerk for a term of 2 years to fill the place of Dan Bebernes, whose term expires.

The Annual Town Meeting, held for the Town of Rolling Green in the County of Martin and the State of Minnesota, was held at the Rolling Green Town Hall on March 10, 2016. Dan Bebernes called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Darrell Wannarka was chosen to preside as Moderator at the meeting.

The Moderator stated the business to be transacted as follows:

To elect a Supervisor for a term of 3 years, to fill the place of Brian Wannarka, whose term expires March 8, 2016.

To elect a Clerk for a term of 2 years, to fill the place of Dan Bebernes, whose term expires March 8, 2016.

To set the levy for Roads & Bridges, Fire, and General Expenses.

To do any other business properly brought before said meeting.

The Clerk presented the minutes of the last annual meeting. Approved as presented.

Financial reports for the year January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 were available for review.

Highlights of the financials include:

Roads and Bridges:

3 culverts have been replaced by Kings Slough on 150th ave. New Fashion Pork paid for the south one as they dumped their field tile into it. As the one north of the place had just been replaced they were not charged for that one. They completed a copy of the new application which did not become effective until January 1, 2016.

It is planned to install a new culvert near the south edge of Steve Shane's place on Pierce Lake Road. Water now flows off the fields, down the side of the road and across his place. It is hoped this can be prevented.

Kimmit cut back the trees along the lake on Pierce Lake Road to get them away from large vehicle traveling on the road. This was done from the curve by Armburst's driveway to Streimer's place. Additional work can be done later.

The board has discussed having an ongoing plan to replace some culverts each year and to do some tree trimming/removal on a regular basis. It was thought this is a good idea.

Half the road signs were replaced a few years ago. The rest need to be replaced. All need to be mapped and a replacement schedule established.

The board passed a resolution requiring anyone doing work within the right-of-way of the township roads to complete an application. This puts a procedure in place to be sure work is done to the satisfaction of the road authority. This would include any driveway, tiling, burial of wire, etc.

Fire Protection:

There has been an agreement in place with Welcome for a little over a year. This seems to be working well at this time.

The Agreement between the United Township Fire Association and the City of Fairmont is now under discussion. Fairmont has proposed an arraignment where they would own all the equipment and charge the townships a percentage of all firefighting expenses. The townships would like to keep something close to the current agreement. This process has just begun. The townships have no plans to give up their investment in the equipment. Dan and Brian are on the committee for United Townships.

At the annual meeting of the County Township Association next month there may be a discussion about combining all the townships into one equipment fund. Even at \$150/section, this would allow the purchase of a new fire truck every 3-5 years to be placed somewhere in the county.

General:

Todd had trouble getting rid of the ridge/grass along the edge of the road where it was not cut in the fall. It was felt it should be required the top cut be made each year, or the township would do it and charge it back to the land owner. A \$90/mile fee was set if the township has to make this top cut. David Bulfer was suggested to do this.

Old business:

Motion by Todd Rosenberg, seconded by Brian Wannarka, to set the 2017 levy for Roads and Bridges at \$100,000, the levy for Fire protection at \$15,000, and the levy for General expenses at \$35,000, for a total levy of \$150,000. Motion carried.

Other business:

David Bulfer moved, seconded by Todd Rosenberg, to set next year's annual meeting for the second Tuesday of March to begin at 8:05 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

March 8, 2016

Dan Bebernes. Town Clerk

Moderator