

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2002

The Annual Town Meeting held in the Town of Guthrie, County of Hubbard and State of Minnesota at the Guthrie Town hall on the 12th day of March, 2002, was called to order by Chairman Lawrence Jensen and Clayton Knoshaug was then chosen to preside as Moderator at the meeting same, as follows: To elect one Supervisor for the term of three years, to fill the place of Lawrence Jensen whose term expires and to elect one Town Clerk for the term of two years, to fill the place of Dorothy Clairmont whose term expires.

The Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk. Dan Rogers motioned to approve the minutes and Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Financial Report was approved by motion by Terrance Clairmont, seconded by Clayton Gladen. The Treasurer is instructed to break down the income and expenses by funds for the coming year.

The Road Report was given by Michael Schmidt. There was a request to have less grading on the roads during dry weather to prevent dust. This will be brought to the attention of the maintenance man to see if it could be arranged.

Clayton Gladen made the motion to raise the wages for Election Judges and other hired workers for the township to \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Candi Barthel gave a presentation on planting trees and shrubs at the new Cemetery addition with native plants. She prepared a list Nursery Stock which is hardy for this area. A motion by Terrance Clairmont, seconded by Leroy Morris to accept her plan as a guide. Motion carried.

David Johnson made a motion to leave the Pocket Gopher bounty at \$1.50 per gopher. Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On Motion, it was ordered, that the following sums of money be raised by tax upon taxable property in Guthrie Township for the following purposes for the current year:

For General Revenue.....Motion by Michael Schmidt, seconded by John Kincs.....	\$9,000.00
For Road & Bridge..... Motion by Dan Rogers, seconded by David Johnson.....	\$30,000.00
For Cemetery.....Motion by David Johnson, seconded by John Kincs.....	\$2,000.00
For Fire Protection.....Motion by Terrance Clairmont, seconded by Evelyn Hadrava.....	\$2,000.00
For Building Fund.....Motion by Michael Schmidt,seconded by T. Clairmont.....	\$5,000.00

On motion, it was Resolved to raise by taxation for the above named purposes during the current year a tax of \$48,000.00 on all the real and personal property of the Town liable to taxation.

A partnership agreement between the Township and Ye Olde School Ground organization was mailed out to the town citizens with the agenda stating the Township buy 51% of the Ye Olde School Ground property . A motion was made by Terrance Clairmont, seconded by Glynda Knutson to go ahead with the merger as presented. Attorney, John Valen, has donated his services free of charge. This agreement has to be approved by the YeOlde School Ground members before it can be sent to Attorney Valen to be finalized.

A motion by Dan Rogers, seconded by Michael Schmidt to pay the following: Becida First Responders .. \$150.00; Laporte First Responders - \$350.00. Motion carried.

A motion made by Candi Barthel and amended to pay \$300.00 to the Bemidji Library and \$100.00 to the Park Rapids Library. Motion was seconded by John Kincs. Approved.

A motion by Michael Schmidt, seconded by Diane Morris to pay \$100.00 to the All Veterans Memorial at Park Rapids. Motion approved.

On motion it was Resolved to have the next Annual Meeting and Election on the second Tuesday in March, 2003 with the polls opening at 2:00 P.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. The notification of the meeting and agenda to be mailed out to the town residents.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ivy Knoshaug and seconded by Diane Morris. Motion approved.

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF CANVASS:

The following is a statement of the result of the canvass of votes for the election of officers at the Annual Town Meeting in the Town of Guthrie, County of Hubbard and State of Minnesota, March 12, 2002 as publicly canvassed by the Judges at said meeting:

Russell Nickerson received 28 votes for Supervisor, term of three years.
Lawrence Jensen received 3 votes
Dan Rogers received 2 votes
Steve Rogers received 1 vote
Greg Johnson received 1 vote
7 ballots were left blank.....making the total of 42 votes.

Russell Nickerson was elected .

Dorothy Clairmont received 40 votes for Town Clerk.
Valerie Lofthus received 1 vote
1 ballot was left blank.....making the total of 42 votes.

Dorothy Clairmont was elected.

Election Judges: Evelyn Hadrava, Steve Engel, Helen LeClaire and Virginia Olson.

Attest: Dorothy Clairmont Clerk

Guthrie Township Road Report 2002

Culvert cleaning.....	110.00
Bobcat rent.....	75.00
Roadside mowing.....	850.00
Misc. mileage.....	60.84
New culvert.....	132.11
Snowplowing Twp. roads.....	1170.00
Blading Twp. roads.....	8640.50
Gravel (class #1 mod.).....	20526.84
Road work to correct drainage (320 St. & co. 36).....	1272.00
 Total road expenses.....	 32837.29

All gravel, road work, blading, snowplowing and roadside mowing were done under contract in 2002 and will be done as needed under contract in 2003. Road blading will again be done on preset days of each week in 2003. There will be more roadside clearing, to include, tree, brush and rock removal done under contract in 2003.

Guthrie Township Cemetery Report 2002

Plaque.....	23.94
Account books.....	112.36
Cemetery planting design.....	100.00
Trail mower.....	744.44
Gas/ oil/ filters/ grease/ blades.....	224.30
Gate repair parts.....	89.97
Salary and withholding.....	1354.58
Total expenses.....	2649.59