

Minnutes of the Annual Town Meeting of Guthrie
March 11, 2003

The Annual Town Meeting was in the Town of Guthrie, in the County of Hubbard and State of Minnesota on the 11th day of March, 2003.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Roger Corson with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clayton Knoshaug was 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 Michael Schmidt whose term expires, one Treasurer for the term of two years to fill the place of Evelyn Hadrava, whose term expires. The Clerks minutes were read by Chairman, Roger Corson and approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Steven Engel and seconded by Dan Rogers to continue showing fund balances. Approved. Michael Schmidt gave the Road Report and explained the future plans. Dan Rogers asked about cutting the ridge by the edge of the road for better drainage and if the gravel could be graded back on the road. Dave Johnson motioned the Board to ask the County to gravel the hill approaching County Road 36 from 420th St. It gets very slippery. Ryan Johnson seconded the motion. Approved. Motion to accept the Road Report was made by Evelyn Hadrava and seconded by Clayton Gladen. Approved.

Wage Scale: Motion by Mike Schmidt, seconded by Clayton Gladen to raise the wage to \$10.00 per hour for Election Judges and other hired workers. Approved.

Cemetery Report: Michael Schmidt motioned to get the gates installed by spring even if another installer has to be hired. Evelyn Hadrava seconded the motion. Approved. Russell Nickerson motioned to increase the Cemetery Salary to \$15.00 per hour. Charlene Corson seconded the motion. Approved. A motion by Russell Nickerson to proceed with the chain link fence on the west side of the cemetery with fiscal responsibility not to exceed 50% of the balance on hand. A motion by Helen LeClair and seconded by Roger Corson to accept the Cemetery Report. Approved.

Pocket Gopher Bounty: Evelyn Hadrava motioned to leave the bounty at \$1.50 per pair of feet. David Johnson seconded the motion. Approved.

On motion, it was ordered, that the following sums of money be raised by tax upon the taxable property in said Town for the following purposes for the current year.

For General Fund: Motion by David Johnson seconded by Mike Schmidt.....	\$20,000.00
For Road & Bridge: Motion by Mike Schmidt seconded by David Johnson.....	30,000.00
For Fire Protection: Motion by Steve Engel seconded by Dan Rogers.....	2,000.00
For Cemetery Fund: Motion by David Johnson seconded by Evelyn Hadrava.....	2,000.00
For Building Fund: Motion by Dan Rogers seconded by Rodger Corson.....	5,000.00

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On motion, it was Resolved to raise by taxation for the above named purposes during the current year a tax of \$59,000.00 on all the real and personal property of the Town liable to taxation.

Donations:

Motion by Michael Schmidt, seconded by Evelyn Hadrava to give \$100.00 to the All Veterans Memorial.

Motion by Michael Schmidt, seconded by Evelyn Hadrava to give \$200.00 to the Headwaters Intervention Center/Parks program.

Motion by Dan Rogers, seconded by Michael Schmidt to give \$300.00 to the Bemidji Library.

Motion by Dan Rogers, seconded by Michael Schmidt to give \$100.00 to the Park Rapids Library.

Motion by Michael Schmidt to pay the First Responders of Laporte and Becida the same amount as last year if they approach the Board before June 1, 2003. Roger Corson seconded the motion. Approved.

Russell Nickerson explained the old town hall list which was mailed out with the agenda was just a proposal. The Board wants to get rid of the liability on the building and wanted the public comments. Darin Miller motioned to let the Board proceed to get rid of the building and contents. Dan Rogers seconded the motion. Approved.

On Motion it was Resolved to have the next Annual Meeting and election on the second Tuesday in March, 2004 with the polls opening at 2:00 and closing at 8:00 p.m. with the annual meeting thereafter. A motion by Darin Miller, seconded by Dan Rogers to have the Notification of Election and Filing to be published in both the Park Rapids Enterprise and the Bemidji Pioneer in the future.

A motion by Evelyn Hadrava seconded by Helen LeClair to adjourn. Motion carried.

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF CANVASS...To be read Publicly by the Clerk.

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, State of Minnesota on March 11, 2003 as publicly canvassed by the Judges at said meeting.

Michael Schmidt received 29 votes for Supervisor , term of three years.

Terrance Clairmont received 1 vote.

Dan Rogers received 1 vote.

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Amanda Lofthus received 19 votes for Treasurer, term of two years.

Evelyn Hadrava received 13 votes .

Valerie Lofthus received 1 vote.

Susan Wilander received 1 vote.

Michael Schmidt was Elected Supervisor.

Amanda Lofthus was Elected Treasurer.

The Election Judges: Charlene Corson, Steven Engel, Helen LeClair and Dorothy Clairmont.