

Guthrie Township
Hubbard County Minnesota
March 13, 2012

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The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town of Guthrie, County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota at 7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of March, 2012. Russ Nickerson, Roger Corson, Michael Schmidt, Rebecca Beevor, Robert Johnson, David Johnson, Tim Gladen, Carmen Huber, Connie Gladen, Candy Barthels, Steve Rogers, Dan Rogers, Ivy Knoshaug, John Kincs, Todd Krull, Steve Engel and Amanda Lofthus were present. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Amanda Lofthus, and then followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

A call for a Moderator was issued. David Johnson nominated Steve Rogers, Candy Barthels seconded the motion. Steve reviewed the agenda. The Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk. The minutes were amended to have postcards continued to be mailed out to homeowners' and then were approved by Stephen Rogers, seconded by Roger Corson. The Treasurer's Financial Report was reviewed and approved as read. Dan Rogers requested that a listing of prior years' levies set are made available at the next annual meeting.

Michael Schmidt gave the Road Report: Last year we vacated the Warren Addition alleys back to the landowners, eliminating the township from liability. The minimum maintenance road of 400th Street was extinguished. The township added an additional culvert on 420th Street, west of Pokety Creek, and 410th Street. Culvert aprons on 450th Street were replaced. The overall gravel supply was minimal this year. The mandated reflectivity standard for road signs has been completed. The board is considering biweekly to weekly road blading. 444th Street needs some attention and additional graveling this year. John Kincs feels we need to clear the hay and cut grass off the road and cleared into the ditches. It was requested that 410th Street needs more gravel, there was complaint of wash-boarding being a problem by Carmen. David mentioned the stretch by the Katzenmeyer residence on 420th Street is pretty slick and needs some structure to it. Michael explained that a map is taken on the road tours taken twice a year and it is noted what maintenance is needed. Dan asked that the bases of the road be matched better when new culverts are put in or replaced. Russ motioned to approve the report, Roger seconded the motion.

The Levies were set as follows:

General Levy: \$30,000.00 motioned by David, Michael seconded it. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: \$30,000.00 motioned by John, David seconded the motion. Motion carried. The townspeople would like some cost scenarios for different road treatments concerning paving or asphalt, etc before a separate road levy would be considered. A road count was requested for some data as far as road use for 444th or 420th or both.

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Fire Fund: \$6000.00 motioned by Dan, Michael seconded it. Motion carried.

Cemetery Fund: \$3,000.00 motioned by Russ, Candy seconded it. Motion carried.

Building Fund: \$5,000.00 motioned by Russ, Motion not carried.

New Motion: \$7,000.00 motioned by Russ, Roger seconded it. Motion carried.

Other Business: There are some dogs that are a nuisance, chasing people in town. If there are any problems, townspeople need to call the authorities and let them sort the problem out. The people would like the board to look into our options, ordinances, etc.

John asked about the weed supervisor. The board has and will continue to notify any landowners that have a problem weed area. It is the landowner's responsibility to take care of the problem to the boards' satisfaction. Weed control is not part of the township's budget. There are no pending problems to note at this time.

Robert is concerned about dilapidated buildings and safety noting that the old town hall and post office buildings should be taken down. The woodman hall is a fire hazard, feeling it is too close to other residences. Steve has asked if he could come up with a bid to take care of them this year or in the next couple years.

Donation requests were reviewed. Dan motioned to donate \$1,000.00 to Lakes Area First Responders with an expectation of an account from them as to how the funds were spent. Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried. John motioned to donate \$500.00 to the Kitchigami Regional Bemidji Library, Steve Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The people are very happy with the hall and the work done by Ye Olde Schoolgrounds this past year.

Russ motioned to discontinue sending postcards for the next annual meeting notices but continue to publish in the Pioneer paper. Motion denied. Dan motioned to send out postcards and only use the Bemidji Pioneer for publication for next Annual meeting, Amanda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger motioned that the next Annual meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in the month of March, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Candy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michael motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.