

Guthrie Township
Hubbard County Minnesota
March 12, 2013

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The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Town of Guthrie, County of Hubbard and State of Minnesota at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of March, 2013. Russ Nickerson, Michael Schmidt, Roger Corson, Rebecca Beevor, Kerri Wells, David Johnson, Ryan Johnson, John Kincs, Ivy Knoshaug, Candy Barthels, Mark Bikerstorfer, Jordan Stolhammer, Tim Gladen, David Wells, Michael and Sharon Haanpaa, Jacquie Brockman, Dan Rogers, Robert Horn, Steve Rogers 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 by the Clerk. David Johnson motioned for Dan Rogers to act as moderator, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried. The agenda for tonight's meeting was reviewed. The topic of streetlights was asked to be added to the agenda by David Wells.

Becky Beevor gave the Board of Audit report. This report was reviewed and approved by the board and all interested townspeople at the Board of Audit meeting that took place March 11th, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. here at the town hall. Candy Barthels motioned to approve the report, Dan Rogers seconded the motion.

The 2012 Annual meeting minutes were read by the Clerk. Candy Barthel requested that either the person's full name or last initial are indicated in the minutes. The Clerk has noted this request and will do so in future minutes. The Minutes were approved as read.

Michael gave the Road Report: a culvert was replaced on 245th Street. The board did discuss coming up with a five-year road plan, they feel it is best to make decisions based on present circumstances and needs. There are no plans on paving any roads in the immediate future. Russ did inquire about the use of counters this past year. He found they are quite expensive and the township did not purchase one. There was complaint that the roads aren't being plowed in a timely manner after substantial snowfalls. Tim Gladen said this is the first he has heard of this and will take measures to remedy this issue with the boards prior approval. Dan Rogers mentioned a part of 450th Street has lost its integrity. The board feels it's due to the heavy snowfall. Tim Gladen said the repair/replacement of the base of the road is costly and price does vary from year to year. We received some complaints about the roadside mowing completed last year, such as not cutting out far enough and missing some areas. Michael did make Ray Ball aware of these complaints. Motion to approve the Road Report was made by John Kinch, Seconded by Russ Nickerson

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The Levies were set as follows:

General Revenue: \$30,000.00 motioned by Russ Nickerson, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge: \$30,000.00 motioned by Russ Nickerson, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Fund: \$6000.00 motioned by David Johnson, Tim Gladen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery Fund: \$2000.00 motioned by Russ Nickerson, David Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Fund: \$7000.00 motioned by David Johnson, Michael Haanpaa seconded the motion. Motion carried. Russ Nickerson motioned to rename the Building Fund to the Building and Maintenance Fund, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Wells began discussion of the streetlight off Joe Marshall's prior residence. It is no longer functioning. The townspeople seem to be in favor of making this light operable again. John is willing to pay for the electricity bill on a monthly basis if it is to be established. Steve Rogers will talk with Joe Marshall soon about this issue.

Roxbury Road was taken over by the township this year and maintains it according to policy standards.

Michael Schmidt made a motion to set a cap of \$1500.00 for the amount of monies that can be used for donations and Steve Engel said this amount should be set annually and before the levies are set. Roger seconded the motion. Motion carried. A representative made a presentation on behalf of the Lakeport Area First Responders. Dan Rogers read the donation requests received by the Clerk in the mail. Michael Schmidt motioned to donate \$1250.00 to the Lakeport Area First Responders, Kerri Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. Robert Horn motioned to donate \$250.00 to the Kitchigami Regional Library in Bemidji, Steve Engel seconded the motion.

Roger Corson motioned to set the next Annual meeting for March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Russ Nickerson motioned that the meeting will be published in the Pioneer newspaper and postcards for reminders will be mailed to homeowner's. Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Candy Barthels motioned to adjourn, Ivy Knoshaug seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.