

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes Guthrie Township – Hubbard County, Minnesota

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 11th day of March 2014. Russ Nickerson, Michael Schmidt, Roger Corson, Kerri Wells, David Johnson, Tim Gladen, John Kincs, Dan Rogers, Steve Rogers, Candy Barthel and Amanda Lofthus were present. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Amanda Lofthus, and followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

The Clerk issued a call for a Moderator. David Johnson motioned for Steve Rodgers to act as moderator, Russ seconded the motion. Motion carried. The agenda for tonight's meeting was reviewed by all present.

The Clerk 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 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. here at the town hall. Russ Nickerson motioned to approve the report, Roger Corson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the 2013 Annual meeting minutes. 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 annual meeting minutes. Candy Barthel and Mark Blkerstgorfer names were incorrectly typed. They have been revised as requested. The Minutes were approved by Roger Corson, Russ Nickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Schmidt gave the Township Road report. He explained that Lucky was in ill health and he recommended Hines Brushing take on the work. There was sanding done due to slippery road conditions. Graveling on 245th and 255th Street, two culverts added, and then more sanding completed. Ray Ball did the mowing again this year. Russ also stated that chloride treatments are too expensive for the township to apply, but certainly landowners are able to have it applied if they wish to do so independently. Steve Rogers motioned to approve the Road Report, David Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Schmidt motioned to approve the amount for donations at \$1,500.00, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Levies set as follows:

General Fund: David Johnson motioned to levy \$30,000.00, Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried

Road & Bridge Fund: John Kincs motioned to levy \$30,000.00, Candy Barthel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Fund: Dan Rogers motioned to levy \$6,000, Steve Engel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery Fund: David Johnson motioned to levy \$2,000.00, Dan Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried. The town feels there is enough in the current budget to purchase a new mower for the cemetery if the board determines that a new one is necessary.

Building Fund: Russ Nickerson motioned to levy \$10,000.00, Roger Corson seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was discussion for improvements to the

doors of all entries to the building. At some point the floor will have to be redone. Also, sound dampeners should be installed.

Candy Barthel asked that the annual meeting agenda is posted on the township website for review. Russ Nickerson said this can be done.

The Cemetery regulations were discussed. Russ Nickerson stated that they are on the website for the next 30 days for review by the townspeople. This is to establish general standards for the cemetery such as the cost of plots, placement and removal of flowers, etc...

Ivy Knoshaug questioned the status on weed control. Michael Schmidt attends county meetings as they come up to keep abreast this issue. Any issues are noted or addressed in the spring and fall road tours by the board.

Donation requests were reviewed. Jackie from Lakeport First Responders reviewed last years activity and improvements made to their 13 member crew and equipment. There were 18 calls for Guthrie alone. They serve seven townships and the city of Laporte.

Dan Rogers motioned to donate all \$1,500.00 to the First Responders, Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Russ made a motion to set next years annual meeting to March 10th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried. Next year's notices will be placed again in the Pioneer Newspaper and postcard reminders will be mailed out. Dan Rogers motioned to approve the Pioneer newspaper notice, John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Engel questioned if board salaries are to be set by the board or at the annual meeting. Russ Nickerson stated that they are set by the board.

John Kincs motioned to adjourn, Candy Barthel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted By Amanda Lofthus - Clerk