## Guthrie Township Hubbard County Minnesota Annual Meeting Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Township of Guthrie held the 2015 Annual meeting at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on <u>March</u> <u>10, 2015</u>. In attendance representing the Town Boards was Russ Nickerson-Clerk, Roger Corson-Supervisor, Michael Schmidt – Supervisor and Amanda Lofthus-Supervisor. Kerri Jourdain-Treasurer was absent. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the pledge was said.

The Clerk introduced the Board and described order at which the meeting was to be held. The Clerk also provided copies of the Board of Audit report, the Agenda for the meeting and the donation requests that were received to date. The Clerk instructed the residents to elect a moderator who would act as the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Roger Corson made a motion to elect Steve Rogers as the moderator and John Kincs seconded the motion. There were no other motions, motion approved.

Per the Agenda, The Moderator called for a reading of the last Annual Meeting Minutes. The Clerk read the minutes. The Moderator approved the report as read pending any rejections. Approved. Ms. Candy Barthel requested that residents in attendance be included in the minutes in future minutes. The 2015 residents in attendance can be found on the last page of these minutes.

Per the Agenda, The Moderator called for a reading of the Towns Board of Audit Report. Amanda Lofthus reviewed the summaries of each of the Town's funds. A detailed financial report was also made available to the residents. John Kincs made a motion to approve the report and Dan Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Per the Agenda, the moderator called for a Road Report. Mike Schmidt provided the residents with a summary of work that the Board has approved over the last year including culvert replacement and minor ditch work on 420<sup>th</sup> Ave (East of Cty 36). Mr. Schmidt also explained that the Board had planned to improve 420<sup>th</sup> Ave (West of Hwy 36) but the bids came in at about 30,000.00 which would have depleted the Town's Road and Bridge Budget. The Board elected to cancel that project. Dan Rogers and David Johnson had a few question about how wide the ditch mowing was to be done and perhaps a section of road was even missed. Mr. Schmidt explained that he was inspecting the crew almost daily and it was possible some mowing was missed but not to his knowledge. The Moderator approved the report as read pending any rejections. Approved.

Ms. Jacque Brockman of the Lakeport Emergency Medical Responders provided the Town with the Contracted fire calls that were handled in Guthrie Township in 2014 by the Lakeport Fire Department. These consisted of 19 calls with 12 fire calls, 3 false Alarms, 2 carbon Monoxide Alarms, 1 Auto Extraction and 1 search and rescue. Ms. Brockman also updated the residents on the Lakeport EMR calls. Guthrie Township had 12 EMR runs in 2014. The EMR services are not contracted and rely on various donations.

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A motion was made by Michael Schmidt and seconded by David Johnson to set the maximum donation to \$1500.00. A vote was taken, motions failed. Another motion was made by Dan Rogers and Seconded by Mike Schmit to set the maximum donation amount to \$2000.00. Motion carried.

Per the Agenda, The Moderator sought motions to set the General Fund levy. A motion was made by Clayton Gladen and seconded by John Kincs to set the General Levy to \$36,000.00. Motion Carried.

The Moderator sought motions to set the Road and Bridge Fund levy. A motion was made by Michael Schmidt and seconded by Russ Nickerson to set the levy to \$45,000.00. Motion carried.

The Moderator sought motions to set the Fire Fund levy. A motion was made by Michael Schmidt and seconded by John Kincs to set the levy at \$6,000.00. Motion carried.

The Moderator sought motions to set the Cemetery Fund levy. A motion was made by Ryan Johnson and seconded by Michael Schmidt to set the levy at \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

The Moderator sought motions to set the Building Fund levy. A motion was made by Russ Nickerson and seconded by Michael Schmidt to set the levy at \$7,000.00. Motion carried.

The Moderator sought motions for the donation requests. Clayton Gladen made a motion to donate \$1750 to the Lakeport EMR and to let the Board use its discretion on the remaining \$250.00. David Johnson Seconded the motion. In the discussion phase, Steve Engle objected to the Board having discretion. A vote was taken, Motion failed. A motion was made by Candy Barthel to donate \$1,750.00 to the Lakeport EMR and to donate \$250.00 to the Kitchigami Regional Library System. John Kincs seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Per the Agenda, The Moderator sought motions for next year's meeting date and time. A Motion was made by Dan Rogers and Seconded by Robert Johnson to set next year's meeting to March 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried

A Motion was also made by Mike Schmidt and seconded by Dan Rogers to set the Bemidji Pioneer as the official newspaper for Townships official notices. Also added to the motion was to continue to send Annual Meeting notices by postal mailings. Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Candy Barthel and Seconded by John Kincs to Adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Russ Nickerson - Clerk

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