Guthrie Township

Hubbard County Minnesota

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes March 12th 2019

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The Township of Guthrie, Hubbard County Minnesota held its annual meeting on March 12th 2019.

At 7:00 P.M. the Clerk Amanda Fallgren called the meeting with the pledge. The sign in roster indicated that eleven people attended the meeting (See last page).

The Clerk introduced the Board and instructed the people to elect a moderator who was to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Jordan Stolhammer nominated Steve Rogers and \_\_\_\_\_mulitple members seconded\_\_ seconded the motion. No other motions for the moderator were made and Steve Rogers accepted the nomination.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the last year’s Annual Meeting Minutes and they were approved as read.

Rebecca Theis read the treasurers report and detailed the data that was approved at the Board of Audit meeting. There were multiple copies of the 2018 financial report made available to the public and there were some minor discussion about the report. The report was approved as read.

Mr. Schmidt (Board Supervisor) provided a road report which included the following:

* Still under existing 2 year road contract with Gladen’s Construction.
* The township has asked Gladen’s to inquire about purchasing a re-claimer. Gladen’s Construction has been looking to purchase one and Clayton will continue to look for one.
* The anticipated culvert work needed on 270th N, in low lying area, was not needed.
* Josh Weis, bought out Ray Ball’s Roadside Mowing. Michael Schmidt, Supervisor, spent some time with Josh going over the roads and what was needed and the township’s expectations. Josh also was able to remove several rocks. Josh stated that his charge would be $85/hour, and would not exceed previous bill from Ray Ball. Josh Weis’ bill came in under the previous year’s bill.
* The township would like to plan on focusing on one road at a time, put the time and money into fixing up one road really well, then moving onto the next road as funds allow.
* Corson Construction, completed the necessary clean-up from the culvert work done on 450th St

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The floor was open for discussion. David Johnson commented on the condition of 420th St, it is the worst it has been in years. Aaron Gladen commented, that they have had a new guy blading. Gladen’s has been trying to run the carbide blade as needed at the township’s discretion. There was brief discussion about Chloride. In the past 444th St had chloride done on half of the road. The cost of gravel, vs. chloride was discussed at that time and the chloride was voted down. No further roads have had chloride.

Jackie of Lakeport First responders was not present, there was a summary of calls that were made in the last year provided. 19 calls for service were responded to in 2018.

With continued discussion and on-going research regarding the repair of the town hall floor, Ivy Knoshaug presented a proposal and quote for the repair of the Town Hall floor to the Guthrie Township Board at the regular February 2019 monthly meeting. The board asked Ivy to present this at the 2019 March Annual meeting. Ivy agreed to do so.

* After the 2018 Annual meeting, where Russ Nickerson agreed to reach out to Carpet One for a bid, this was done with the bids coming back very high at $16,300 for Epoxy and $29,900 for Tile.
* Ivy contacted Dan with Ley’s Painting. Since the last contact with Ley’s Painting three years ago, product has become more durable and equipment has evolved. Ivy provided a sample of the proposed flooring and this was passed around.
* Floor Repair Quote for $15,720. Included work: Prep and Diamond Grind existing concrete floor. Apply prime coat of Rustoleum 9100 Epoxy. Apply chip coat of 100% solids epoxy. Broadcast 100% - ¼” color flakes (standard color blends included). Apply top coat of Poly-Shell commercial and Industrial Polyaspartic most durable clear finish.
* YOSG will do all labor of removing the necessary items from the hall area of the floor repair work.
* YOSG is asking the Township for $12,000 from the existing Building Fund of $21,596.63. The YOSG will cover the $3,720.

The floor was opened for some discussion regarding the floor repair. Michael Schmidt asked what kind of maintenance would be involved. Ivy replied that there is no maintenance, just cleaning with soap and water. David Johnson inquired about the longevity of the proposed flooring. Steve Rogers informed that this type of flooring has been installed in shops with heavy trucks driving on it, and it has been reported that the floors have been holding up. Dan Rogers asked Ivy Knoshaug to provide a report of how many times a year the hall is used. At estimate, Ivy indicated generally around 20 times per year. Ivy agreed to put together a report. Steve informed that the work would not be able to begin until floor temperature reaches 60 degrees. Michael Schmidt indicated that at the 2018 Annual Meeting, $2,000 was levied to the Building Fund and minimal funds were used. Michael Schmidt indicated that the Guthrie Township Board has decided to leave the decision up to the township residence as to whether or not use the Building Fund in the amount of $12,000 as being requested by the YOSG.

Dan Rogers motioned to use $12,000 from the Building Fund. John Kinc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael Schmidt discussed the tree planting that was done at the Guthrie Cemetery. Sixteen trees were planted in four rows. The trees were placed and mulched. Steve Rogers tended to the watering of the trees. Expense was $3,598. Trees planted include: Showy Mountain Ash, Royal Canadian Crab, Red Splendor Crab and Fire Red Maple. Chad from Nature’s Edge Garden will stand behind the trees and replace those, if any, that don’t make it through the winter. Michael Schmidt suggested planting more trees, if come spring the trees are in good condition.

There was some discussion regarding the Annual Meeting post card mailing. As voted at the 2018 March Annual meeting, post cards will be mailed out to those who have indicated on the Annual Meeting sing-in sheet that they would like to receive a post card. Those that attended the 2018 Annual Meeting and checked the column indicating that they want a post were mailed one for the 2019 March Annual Meeting. Dan Rogers suggested that Annual Meeting post cards be mailed out to all Guthrie Township residences.

Dan Rogers motioned to send out post cards. David Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor two, all opposed nine. Motion denied. Annual meeting post cards will be mailed to those that have indicated on the sign-in sheet that they would like one.

The Annual Meeting Notice will continue to be printed in the Pioneer Newspaper, and indicated on the Guthrie Township Website. You may also send a request to the Guthrie Township email indicating that you would like to receive postcard. Those that indicate they want a postcard will continue to receive one.

TOWNSHIP LEVIES

Mr. John Kinc made a motion to levy $36,000 to the General Fund and Mr. Jordan Stolhammer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dan Rogers made a motion to levy $50,000 to The Road and Bridge Fund and Mrs. Ivy Knoshaug seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. David Johnson made a motion to levy $2,000 to the Cemetery Fund and Mr. Dan Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. John Kinc made a motion to levy $7,300 to the Fire Fund and Mr. Michael Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried

Mr. David Johnson made a motion to levy $2,000 to the Building Fund and Mr. Jordan Stolhammer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mr. David Johnson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made a motion to cap this year’s donations to $2,300. Mrs. Candy Barthel\_\_\_\_\_\_\_seconded the motion. Motion carried

Mr. Michael Schmidt made a motion to donate $2,000 to the Lakeport Fire and rescue and Mr. Roger Corson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Candy Barthel made a motion to donate $300 to the Kitchigami Library system and Mr. John Kinc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael Schmidt made a motion to have next year’s meeting at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday in March and to have the Bemidji Pioneer as the official newspaper. Mr. John Kinc seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. John Kinc made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roger Corson seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Amanda Fallgren – Clerk

3/18/2019