

ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2014

The Annual Meeting of Pelican Township was called to order by Clerk Shirley Wallin. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Present: Rick Johnson, Calvin Wallin, Tony Loberg, Bruce Westerberg, Bruce Jones, Jack and Lili Johnson, Suzanne Goerges, Kevin Merschmann(Breezy Point Police Chief), Jody Wallin, Bruce Galles (by skype) and Shirley Wallin.

Calvin Wallin made a motion to elect Suzanne Goerges as moderator, seconded by Bruce Jones, motion carried.

Clerk Shirley Wallin read minutes from 2013 annual meeting. Bruce Galles made a motion to accept Clerk minutes of the 2013 annual meeting, seconded by Tony Loberg, motion carried.

Clerks/Treasurers report was given by Jody Wallin. Beginning Balance: \$468,660.82, Receipts: \$253,365.96, Sale of Investments: \$56,894.21, Transfers In: \$71,553.52, Disbursements: \$297,032.36, Purchase of Investments: \$200,470.62, Ending Fund Balances:\$352,971.53, Investment Balance: \$116,656.03, Total ending balance: \$469,627.56. Calvin Wallin made a motion to approve Clerk/Treasurers financial report, seconded by Tony Loberg, motion carried.

Police Report: Kevin Merschmann, police chief of Breezy Point was present. He handed out some information about drop off site for unneeded medications and expired medications- no syringes or thermometers accepted. There is a drop off site at the Breezy Point Police Dept.. The police contract has gone up \$1500.00 this year, there was a 2% wage increase + payroll increase, squad car fuel, etc. The contract this year will be \$44,500.00 which is \$44.78 per hour. Some of the highlights for the year: Talked to a man stuck in his driveway wearing only his underwear, Someone had checks stolen and they were all written out in North Dakota, has been a nightmare to deal with it and they may not be prosecuted. Officer Garcia responded to a medical call, even though he was off duty, someone was choking on a grilled cheese sandwich and the first responders could not get it out. Garcia had a small scope tv camera and forceps and was able to remove it. Crow Wing County has now agreed to page out the Breezy Point medics for calls within Pelican Township that is covered by Mission, so both Mission and Breezy Point will get that call. Garcia had a search warrant where a stolen handgun was recovered. Pelican Beach was fairly quiet this summer, did deal with some alcohol issues. Had a few Marijuana cases and found a black goat on one of our township roads. Bruce Westerberg did mention that since the township put up the 35 mph speed sign instead of being 55, it has helped a lot on that road and appreciated the efforts of the township, will need to watch the beach area this summer for slower speeds. Officer Garcia received another life saving award for someone taking pain killer overdose, he gave her the Narcom drug to counteract it. This was in Lake Edward Township. Breezy Point is the only department in the area that has paramedics on their force. Bruce Galles said to convey the town boards thanks to Jason, Josef, Brian and others who have patrolled in Pelican Township. Tony Loberg made a motion to approve police contract for \$44,500.00 seconded by Bruce Westerberg, motion carried.

Bruce Galles gave the supervisors report, we are in the process of getting a new truck for approx.. \$150,000.00, we will sell the old one to recover some of that cost. Channel Lane is not in good condition and will be looked at again on the spring road inspection, may be working on that this year. Heartland Cable Commission is giving out 4- \$1500.00 scholarships again this year, they have

expanded it to include trade schools and non-traditional schooling. Canthook Dr. was paved this last fall, which falls mainly within Mission Township and Mission paid for the paving, we have a joint agreement with Mission for work done on that road. Jack Johnson asked if anyone that lives on that road and in Mission Township has written a thank you to Pelican Township for our efforts on getting that done (no one has).

Galles made a motion to have the posting places remain the same, Brainerd Daily Dispatch, Country Echo and the town hall door, seconded by Calvin Wallin, motion carried.

Fire protection is with Nisswa, Pequot Lakes and Mission, Clerk Shirley Wallin read the fire report submitted by Tracy Donovan, Mission for 2014 will remain at \$26,500.00 and still negotiating for 2015, Nisswa \$4870.04 which included firemen's relief and Pequot Lakes will be around \$10,000.00 (don't have all their figures in from Cass County yet).

Bruce Galles read Robert Olson's road report : We took over 3 new roads and paved them this year, they are Lindove Lane, Bay Pointe Drive and Stewarts Bay Drive, the total road miles is just over 1 mile. Winter has also proved to be challenging this year and using more salt/sand which we did not anticipate. Tony has done a great job this year keeping the roads in drivable condition. We ordered a new snow plow as the old one seems to need a lot of repairs and parts are being discontinued and beginning to be difficult to find. While our old truck still has some value we decided to get the new one now so we can sell and offset some of the expense. The new truck will have a three way blade on the front so will be easier to plow the snow on dead end roads and will also have a belly blade that will help clear compacted snow from roads. We have no major road construction planned for now but that could easily change after road inspection on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

No New Business.

Budget: Bruce Galles stated that the board has been discussing the budget since January. He stated he wanted this amount \$249,940.00 or higher as it is up to the people.. Galles talked about the cost of taking over a new road, which another has asked for their road to be paved plus repairs on our other roads. Board recommends \$249,940.00 for a total budget. Tony Loberg made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Lili Johnson, motion carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting for 2015 will be March 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Calvin Wallin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Jones, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Shirley Wallin*

Shirley Wallin, Clerk