

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2008

The annual meeting of Pelican Township was called to order by Clerk, Shirley Wallin. Present: Jim Rockwell, Rick Johnson, Glen Gustafson, Dale & Cathy Johnson, Deneen Kloster, Suzanne Goerges, Joe & Joan Hampl, Karen & Bill Suedecker, Dick Rostad, Calvin Wallin, Jack & Lili Johnson, Robb Fritz, Robert Olson, Bruce Galles, Connie Rockwell and Shirley Wallin.

First order of business is to elect a moderator, C. Wallin made a motion to elect J. Rockwell as moderator, seconded by S. Goerges, motion carried.

Minutes of 2007 annual minutes were read by Clerk S. Wallin, J. Hampl made a motion to approve minutes seconded by R. Fritz, motion carried.

Treasurers report given by C. Rockwell: Beginning Cash Balance: \$208,914.33, Receipts: \$220,448.83, Disbursements: \$120,386.45, Ending Cash Balance: \$308,976.71. General Revenue Fund: \$50,217.07, Road & Bridge Fund: \$123,704.33, Fire Fund: \$12,081.57, Money Market Savings: \$96,939.77, C/D: \$26,043.97 Total: \$308,976.71. S. Goerges made a motion to accept Treasurers report, seconded by J. Johnson, motion carried.

POLICE PROTECTION: Officer Brian Sandell from the Breezy Point Police Dept. was present to give overview of police protection for the last year. They investigated 300 incidents in 2007, this is a decrease from 2006. Burglaries 0 compared to 7 reported in 2006, Thefts done by 50 %. They still employ 2 paramedics/officers. Property crimes continue to be a great concern to residents of Pelican Township. The cost increase to Pelican Township will be \$1619.91 for 2008 contract. They patrol 80 hrs. a month and do various hrs. during the week. Police Dept. is still available to do security checks for those that request it.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Olson said the roads are in good shape. Fritz stated we did some bidding for tree trimming and is very costly. We are looking into getting a piece of equipment so we can do it ourselves. Fritz will take a class so he can be back up maintenance man. Al Knowlan from Anderson Brothers called B. Galles to see if we need any work done this year. Co. 4 project improvement is scheduled for 2009. This will be from corner of Co. Rd 18 to Breezy Point City limits on Co. Rd. 4. County has had several meetings to inform the residents. B. Galles asked what the residents thought if we pave our parking lot to the town hall, discussion held, most felt it was a good idea. B. Galles stated there is a resident who lives on Red Oak Rd. but on the Lake Edward Township side who is a chronic complainer. May look into switching with Lake Edward in road duties. C. Wallin stated that he felt our township is doing a good job just the way it is.

FIRE SERVICE: Olson made a report and that we contract with Mission, Nisswa and Pequot Lakes which includes the sub-station from Breezy Point.

Posting Places which are Brainerd Dispatch, courtesy in Country Echo, and the Town Hall, C. Wallin, made a motion to leave the same, seconded by D. Rostad, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: B. Galles talked about continuing the Police Contract for \$37,361.00 for 2008, J. Hampl moved to accept police contract, seconded by J. Johnson, motion carried. J. Rockwell asked about the tree cutting, as we have the money to do it. He feels we need to take action & get it done. B. Galles stated we still need to get permission from the landowners for trees over 6" or more. C. Wallin made a motion to support the purchase of a new mower, seconded by L. Johnson, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk S. Wallin stated that with the major elections coming up this fall, we open at 10 AM now and do have some coming to vote before the 10 AM time, we need to have the OK from the residents to change the time for elections. D. Rostad made a motion we open at 7 AM, seconded by B. Galles, motion carried.

Donations: J. Johnson made a motion to leave the amount of donations to the discretion of the board, motion died due to lack of a second.

SHOULD THE TOWNSHIP BECOME A CITY: B. Galles explained that cities can now annex by ordinance only and townships cannot do anything about it. Discussion held. C. Wallin made a motion that we check into becoming a city, seconded by D. Rostad, motion carried.

OTHER: Dog ordinance: we pay \$1000.00 a year to the county, if you have a dog complaints, loose dog, etc. you can call the county and they will come out. OK'd to go ahead and contract for another year. J. Rockwell brought up building a new town hall. He feels we should form a committee to see what the cost to build a small new building & garage, committee was formed of: Jim Rockwell, Dick Rostad and Joe Hampl, and anyone else that would like to be on the committee.

Budget for 2009 was reviewed, by recommendation of the Township Supervisors to budget the following: General Budget: \$75,950.00, Road and Bridge: \$114,500.00, Fire: \$40,000.00, for a total Budget of \$230,450.00, D. Rostad made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by J. Johnson, motion carried.

Time for the next annual meeting will be March 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Place to be announced.

S. Goerges made a motion to adjourn, seconded by D. Kloster, motion carried.

RECONVINE ANNUAL MEETING
May 8, 2008

Clerk Shirley Wallin called the reconvening of the annual meeting to order. Present: John Wallin, Rick Johnson, Jack & Lili Johnson, Agnes Goerges, Sue Goerges, Dick Rostad, Joe Hampl, Connie Rockwell, Robb Fritz, Robert Olson, Bruce Galles, Jim Rockwell and Shirley Wallin. C. Wallin made a motion to elect Jim Rockwell as moderator, seconded by J. Johnson, motion carried.

The main purpose of the reconvene was because we did not budget enough in the Road and Bridge Fund to receive the gas tax. In order to receive the gas tax we need to budget at least \$120,000.00, instead of the \$114,500.00, S. Goerges mad a motion to amend the budget for Road and Bridge to \$120,00.00. seconded by B. Galles, motion carried.

J. Rockwell gave an overview of building a new town hall. He gave the certificate of survey plus a new building diagram. We need to rezone from Agricultural to Rural residential, plus part of the old garage is on Betty Simenstad's land and would need a lease with them before we can proceed, and will need a variance to build on 1.15 acres of land, J. Rockwell indicated the cost would be around \$200,000.00 and felt that we could pay cash and for the new tractor could do a bond to purchase it. B. Galles stated if we use the cash for the new building, we would have nothing in reserve for the roads, as some roads need repairs now. R. Johnson made a motion to go forward with the lease, zoning, variance and architect up to \$10,000.00, seconded by Galles, motion carried.

S. Goerges made a motion to adjourn, seconded by D. Rostad, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Wallin, Clerk