

Annual Meeting  
March 9, 2010

The annual meeting of Pelican Township was called to order by Clerk, Shirley Wallin.

Present: Connie Rockwell, Tracy Donovan, Shirley Wallin, Jim Rockwell, Calvin Wallin, Barbara Donovan, Joe Hampl, Jack Johnson, Lili Johnson, Sue Goerges, Tony Loberg, Glen Gustafson, Rick Johnson, Bruce Westerberg, John Wallin, Leo Stumpf, Phyllis Stumpf, Kevin Merschman (Breezy Point Police Chief), Mark (Crow Wing Co. Hwy Dept.)

First order of business is to elect a moderator, Calvin Wallin nominated Jim Rockwell, seconded by Joe Hampl, motion carried.

Calvin Wallin made a motion to move Co Rd. 4 update on the agenda to before clerk minutes and also move police report after Co. Rd 4 update.

Mark from Crow Wing Co. Hwy. Dept. gave an update; they now have possession of land but still need approval from St. Paul. He feels they won't do bids until June and hopes for construction to start right after 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They hope to be completed by end of Sept., check the Crow Wing Co. website for updates.

**POLICE REPORT:** Kevin Merschman, Breezy Point Police Chief said it has been a good relationship between Breezy Point and Pelican Township. Had 188 incidents in 2009, mostly traffic related. No burglaries in the township, 1 theft of a stolen boat (which was recovered). He talked about their paramedic program, and has a request for funds for equipment.

Clerk read the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting, Jack Johnson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Sue Goerges, motion carried.

Treasurers report given by Connie Rockwell, Beginning Balance: \$181,634.05, Total Receipts in 2009 \$247,504.35. Gains on Investments: Tony Loberg made a motion to approve Treasurers report, seconded by Jack Johnson, motion carried.

Supervisors Report given by Tracy Donovan, Township is in good financial order, we have approximately \$200,000.00. Town Board keeps working on fire protection costs, mainly with Mission Township to have them allocate their costs more fairly. Town Board believes we are getting fair costs with Nisswa and Pequot Lakes and getting a fair cost for Police Protection with Breezy Point Police Dept. Town Board has taken a more

proactive roll in providing our recommendations to the Crow Wing Planning and Zoning Commission and they are improving on seeking our opinions. After inspecting approximately 15 miles of roads, the board believes our roads are in generally good condition. The township plans to continue brushing our road right-of-ways as this facilitates better maintenance and from a legal standpoint, keeps our legal claim to the entire right-of-way. We are generally not removing trees larger than six inch trunk diameter. The town hall is finished and furnished and, most importantly, paid for. We are making the hall available for use by our citizens at nominal costs for cleanup. Calvin Wallin made a motion accept Supervisors report, seconded by Glen Gustafson, motion carried. Sue Goerges made a motion to continue the polling places with Brainerd Daily Dispatch and the Town Hall with an information notice in the Echo, when time permits, seconded by Glen Gustafson, motion carried.

Police Protection contract was reviewed the new contract will be for \$39,994.89 for 2010, Calvin Wallin made a motion to continue with the police protection, seconded by Bruce Westerberg, motion carried.

Discussion held on Fire Protection, Tracy Donovan gave a review on how Mission's formula works. There are 204 properties covered by Mission, we have 11 % of property within their Fire Dept., \$37,000.00 has been locked in for 2010 and 2011. Discussion held on cost of Mission Fire Dept. Jack Johnson made a motion to accept fire protection with Nisswa, Pequot Lakes and Mission Fire Depts. Seconded by Joe Hampl, discussion held, motion carried.

Jack and Lili Johnson who are on the TRIAD board gave a review on the senior citizen program; they have a new yellow book for seniors. Jack gave copies to anyone who wanted one, extras left at the town hall.

John Wallin has moved the old town hall over to the Wallin Berry Farm and uses it for storage.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rick Johnson asked if there are any plans to put any historical pictures, etc. within the town hall, flag, etc. Rick Johnson made a motion to spend \$750.00 seconded by Glen Gustafson, motion carried. Jim Rockwell said he would like to see the supervisors have a plan for roads and road-right-of-ways to make them safer, discussion held. The town board will have a dedication of the new town hall in early summer.

Budget for 2011 was reviewed, discussion held. In order to receive the gas tax we need to levy \$160,000.00 in the road and bridge fund. Leo Stumpf made a motion to approve the budget, General Revenue: \$71,410.00, Road and Bridge: \$160,000.00, Fire: \$48,000.00 total Budget: \$279,410.00 seconded by Jack Johnson, motion carried. Next annual meeting will be March 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Sue Goerges made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack Johnson, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Shirley Wallin*

Shirley Wallin, Clerk