

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 08, 2022

The annual meeting of Hutchinson Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, was held at Gopher Campfire, County Road 7, Hutchinson, MN 55350 on Tuesday March 8, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Craig Schmeling. 20 residents attended the meeting. The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Commissioner Joe Nagel brought a County handout for everyone and went through the contents briefly including the new Burning Regulations – residents now just call the Sheriff's Office and no longer need a paper permit. Property taxes, possibility of an increase. Joe strongly encouraged residents to contact the Township's assessor, Robin Johnson and make sure their house and buildings were assessed correctly. County Road 60 is being considered for possible paving, not finalized yet. Joe is trying to find ways to lower the response time of ambulance services in our area. After being privatized, the response times have suffered greatly as Alina is pulling vehicles from our area to service other areas leaving only one or two to take care of all of McLeod County. – It's just being looked at no actions are being taken. Joe also stated this is not in any way a slam on the EMT's as they do a great job.

Roger Dostal moved to appoint Francis Svoboda as moderator. Second by Cheryl Bielke. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The minutes of the 2021 annual meeting were read. Cheryl Bielke moved to approve the minutes. Merle Eggersgluess seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Board of Audit Report was read. Mary Melin moved to approve the report. John Melin seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The Road Report was read. Rube Schutz made a motion to accept the Road Report as read. Dan Gensmer seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Levies for 2023:

After discussing the financial needs of the Township and that no extra work is known of, Merle Eggersgluess moved to set the Road and Bridge Levy at \$135,000.00. Mary Melin seconded the motion. Motion carried with by voice vote.

Discussion was held on the General Levy including that the Auto Mark replacement that was budgeted for in 2022 would be around \$2,500 after the County receives grants instead of \$6,000 and the fact that things are increasing in cost all over. John Melin made a motion to set the General Levy at \$12,600.00. Merle Eggersgluess seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Following discussion including that there is no upcoming new firetruck purchases or major repairs known of, Kathy Hanneman motioned to set the Fire Levy at \$37,000.00. Rube Schutz seconded. Motion carried with a voice vote.

General Discussion:

Paul Johnson stated that he had talked with one of the snow plow operators from this winter and thanked him for doing such a good job..

Francis Svoboda commented on the gravel roads in Hutch Township being in real good shape this past year even as dry as it was and that he had driven on other township's roads and they were not as nice as ours.

Dan Gensmer moved to set the 2022 annual meeting for March 14, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Gopher Campfire. Second by John Melin. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Elections – The Clerk mentioned that Hutchinson Township election polls will open shortly after the meeting with 1 Supervisor position and the Clerk position up for election. Brent Uecker is running for Supervisor and Craig Schmeling is running for Treasurer both unopposed.

There being no further business, Merle Eggersgluess made a motion to adjourn. Mary Melin seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election Judges:

Cheryl Beilke

Dede Schafer

Craig Powell