

# **Miltona Township Annual Meeting**

**March 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Blank at 8:25 PM. Also present were Andy Anderson, Connie Marshal, Jerome Haggemiller, Don Henning and 22 other guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ralph Beulke made motion to nominate Tim Hagen for moderator and Bruce Lien seconded. Motion Carried. All in favor

Bob Ebbenga made motion to accept last years minutes with two corrections, replacing the word excpt with accept and change 79% to 71% and Rick Mittag seconded. Motion carried. All in favor.

Don Henning gave a road report and recapped the expenditures of 2009 and identified projects as listed in the handout presented at the meeting. Expenditures totalled \$130,021.56 in 2008. Don brought attention to the practice of pushing snow across the road and leaving it piled in the right away. This practice needs to be reported when noticed as it carries a hefty fine and is a problem for the snow removal trucks. M/S by Bob Ebbenga and Brad Vogt, motion carried.

Andy Anderson gave a fire report and discussed the fire calls down but medical calls up for the past year. Turnout gear per person cost \$1,200. Discussed the future direction of the County Towards the 800 Megahertz information frequency. Tom stated that there was only one payment made to the City of Miltona in 2008 as the bill was not received prior to our Dec meeting. As a result there should be three payments in 2009. Fire budget is 71% paid for by Miltona Township. M/S by Rick Mittag and Bruce Lien, motion carried.

Weed Report by Jerome Haggemiller, three tours in 2008 resulted in 15 notices sent out by Tom. We spent \$1,769 on spraying and \$1,800 on mowing and another \$11,370 on brush control. M/S by Gloria Stevenson and Bob Ebbenga, motion carried.

Gopher report Jerome Haggemiller, \$100 paid out in 2008. Bounty is still \$2 for two front feet and \$.25 for striped. M/S by Rick Mittag and Gloria Stevenson, motion passed.

Andy Anderson gave a Assessors report of the Township. Market value for tillable low and expect a \$200 increase in MKT value. The Market value in county is 3% higher than the selling price. M/S by Bruce Lien and Rick Mittag, motion passed.

Sewer Report by Jerome Haggemiller, the CLRSD has passed a motion by a vote 5-0 for Intent to Dissolve at their last meeting. CLRSD was bonded for 3.4 million and will establish allocation method for repayment in the meeting to come. Wenck study showed 52-56% compliance todate within the township and that the next generation of systems within Miltona Township will need to be 33% existing lots have room for another system, 24% will need

holding tanks and 43% will need some other system. M/S by Bob Ebbenga and Bob Upton, motion passed.

Jerome discussed the options of how to allocation method for repayment within the township for our share of the CLRSD liability. Still in the discussion phase but bill is due this year and didn't know if monies in current funds could be used to reduce the liability. Quite a few individuals expressed opinions on how to allocate the liability within the township. The Supervisors will establish the procedure for allocation. A levi is a tax deduction and an assessment is not a tax deduction. M/S by Marv Winkel and Ralph Buelke, motion passed

Unofficial Election Results-Keith Baldwin received 110, Don Henning 68, Ralph Buelke 1, and 8 no votes. Keith Baldwin is the new Supervisor for a three year term.

Constance Marshall received 166, five other received a single vote and 16 no votes. Connie Marshall retains her position of Treasurer for the next two years. M/S by Bruce Lien and Gloris Stevenson to accept the unofficial election results, motion passed.

#### New Business

Mick Nyberg raised the question whether Keith Baldwin could sit on the Township Board and at the same time have filed a lawsuit against the CLRSD. This represents a conflict of interest. Keith and Kate both stated that the lawsuit has been dismissed w/o prejudice and will provide the Clerk with such documentation to substantiate their position.

Bob Upton raised a question about possibility of term limits for positions on the townboard. Probably would take a statutory change in township law for such an action, Tom will check into the matter.

David Marshall presented a motion That the townboard create and adopt a policy that prohibits the destruction of a township road prior to the public hearing and subsequent vote to vacate said road and that the petitioners to vacate a road to establish a new alignment for the real estate development shall pay all costs incurred by the township to vacate such road. After discussion Rick Mittag seconded and a vote was taken, motion passed.

#### Budget Setting

General Fund	\$ 35,000.00	M/S by Bruce Lien and Brad Vogt, motion passed
Road Fund	\$140,000.00	M/S by Gloria Stevenson and Brad Vogt, motion passed
Fire Fund	\$ 56,707.00	M/S by Brad Voght and Bruce Lien, motion passed
Chloride Fund	\$ 35,000.00	M/S by Jerome Haggemiller and Brad Vogt, motion passed
Gopher Fund	\$ 300.00	M/S by Gloria Stevenson and Brad Vogt, motion passed

#### Levy Setting

General Fund	\$30,000.00	M/S by Bruce Lien and Troy Dittberner, motion passed after discussion about why setting levy when have sufficient funds to cover budget.
Road Fund	\$75,000.00	M/S by Terry Marshall and Brad Vogt, motion passed
Fire Fund	\$56,707.00	M/S by Gloria Stevenson and Bruce Lien, motion passed
Chloride Fund	\$20,000.00	M/S by Patti Blank and Andy Anderson, motion passed
Gopher Fund	\$ 0.00	M/S by Brad Vogt and Terry Marshall, motion passed

The 2010 Annual Meeting set for March 9<sup>th</sup> at the firehall, beginning at 8:15pm following the election, M/S by Troy Dittberner and Brad Vogt, motion passed.

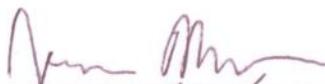
As there is no further business we will recess and reconvene the 2008 Annual Meeting for July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm prior to the regular monthly meeting. M/S by Andy Anderson and Jerome Haggemiller, motion passed 10:35pm.

The Annual Meeting was reconvened at 7:30pm on July 6<sup>th</sup> to finish up details of uncertain business. Tom Blank called the meeting to order and began with choice of moderator, Troy Dittberner volunteered and the meeting began. Tom explained the percentage involved with the Road and Bridge Fund and what we need to levy to avoid the risk of lossing our state gas tax money that we receive each year. The amount we need to be levying in .04835% of the Taxable Market Value of the township. We don't have to spend that amount, but that is what we have to levy. We have been falling short in this the past few years and the County Auditor and State do not at the present time verify this amount. Talking with Tom Reddick though, the State and County, with the availability of computers, and as tight as money is, will be watching these %'s sometime in the future. This year the TMV as of March 18, 2009 is \$243,731,100.00 and so our levy should be at a minimum \$117,844.00 for the road and bridge fund. The amount we receive in gas tax each year is around \$13-15,000.00 which we do not want to jeopardize. A motion was made by Terry Marshal to increase his previous motion in the Road and Bridge Fund levy from \$75,000 to \$117,844, a second was made by Bob Upton and the motion passed.

Levying amounts for the CLRSD liability will be a separate item at the discretion of the Supervisors and does not need to go before the electors as stated in Bill SF 1489. This will Be determined at a latter date.

Discussion about the location of 2010 Annual Meeting. After some discussion Rick Mittag made a motion to hold the meeting at the Miltona Community Center regardless of a fee or not, Bob Edstrom seconded and the motion passed. Date set for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:15 at the Miltona Community Center.

A motion by Terry Marshall and seconded by Rick Mittag to adjourn the 2009 Annual Meeting, Motion Carried at 7:49 pm.

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