

Miltona Township Annual Meeting

March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tom Blank at 8:00 pm, 17 electors were present for the meeting. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Gary Anderson took a few minutes and said thanks to Connie Marshal, Matt Kugler and Doug Hunt for the service they provided for Miltona Township.

Gary Anderson made a motion to nominate Bob Ebbenga for moderator and Jason Bous seconded the motion. Tom called for any more nominations three times and hearing none, vote was taken and motion passed.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting of Miltona Township was read, and a motion by Jason Bous and seconded by Scott Johnson to accept the minutes, motion carried.

Gary Anderson gave a road report by discussing the total expenditures of \$101,852.23. Snow removal was a large chunk as well as tree and brush removal as we focused on cleaning up and maintaining ditches. We spend roughly \$5,000 on culvert projects and put down 2,376 yards of gravel this past year. We are looking into grants again this year towards the Hamms creek culvert and with help of WSN planning out the restoration of the culvert. A motion by Jason Bous and seconded by Jerome Haggemiller, motion carried.

Fire Report was given by Gary Anderson. Most calls have been for EMS service with a couple grass fires. The amount Miltona Township contributes toward the budget is based on percentages of hours, tax capacity and market value. These factors are weighed in proportionally with the City and Spruce Hill. A motion by Rick Mittag and seconded by Paul Luedke, motion carried.

Weed Report was given by Gary Anderson. Gary once again handled weed issues by stopping by and talking to landowners as this practice saw great response and action last year. 6 places were visited this year and all issues were taken care of within 2 weeks. Gary liked handling the issues internally and not going to the County. A motion by Scott Johnson and seconded by Paul Luedke, motion carried.

Jerome Haggemiller gave the gopher report. No gopher bounties turned in this year and levy amount for 2015 remains at zero. The bounty will remain at \$2 for each pair of front feet.. A motion by Gary Anderson and seconded by Jason Bous,, motion carried.

Tom Blank reported on our Fund Balances. Our fund balances within all funds totals \$391,660.82, which is a increase of \$143,487.18. Our total receipts for the year amounted to \$521,283.49 and expenditures to \$377,796.31.

Gary Anderson gave the Assessors report of the township. For the 2015 Assessment sales from October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014 are used. There were 20 good "arm's length" sales with the median ratio of 96.2%. Of these 20 sales 3 were on Lake Irene, 1 on Lake Vermont, 9 were on Lake Milona and 7 were off the lakes. On Lake Milona itself there were 18 sales for this period with 9 in Milona Township, 5 in Leaf Valley and 4 in Carlos Township. The County will again be administrating the Board of Equalization for the township and you need to make an appointment with the Assessor's office if you wish to discuss your valuation. The date for Milona Township is set for April 24th at 9 am in the Assessor's office. You can call for appointments at 320-762-3884. A motion by Scott Johnson and seconded by Paul Luedke to accept the Assessor Report, motion carried.

There was much discussion about the road quote process and would like to revisit the quotes for 2015. A motion was made to revisit the quotes for 2015 with concerns with RBS behavior, "run-ins", and road grading quality in prior years and seconded by Bob Ebbenga. After much more discussion and it was 16-8 in a vote to revisit the quotes at the next monthly meeting.

It was pointed out that motions made at annual meetings are a formality only and it is up to the elected board to act upon intentions made by the electors.

Discussion about appointing the Clerk position, this is a ballot question that would be on the November 2016 general election ballot if the board decides to act upon this. Combine the Clerk/Treas position was discussed as a future option as well. The crossover of coordinating elections and being on the ballot causes issues were the same person cannot be both as an elected official.

A donation to the Lakes Area Recreation for public funding year 2015 is requesting an amount of \$1,003.75 for 2015. A motion by Jerome Haggemiller and seconded by Rick Mittag, motion carried.

Alexandria Senior Center requested a donation but was not considered.

The open book meeting is scheduled for Friday April 24th at 9 pm if you have concerns with property valuations, must make appointment ahead of time to discuss your concerns.

Budget Setting

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| General Fund | \$ 40,000 M/S by Paul Luedke and Jason Bous, motion carried. |
| Road Fund | \$125,000 M/S by Kathy Mittag and Scott Johnson, motion carried. |
| Fire Fund | \$ 60,000 M/S by Gary Anderson and Jerome Haggemiller, motion carried. |
| Chloride | \$ 40,000 M/S by Rick Mittag and Steve Russel, motion carried. |
| Gopher | \$ 250 M/S by Gary Anderson and Scott Johnson, motion carried. |

A 2016 total Budget of \$ 265,250.00 M/S by Jason Bous and Paul Luedke, motion carried.

Levy Setting

General Fund \$ 30,000 M/S by Gary Anderson and Jerome Haggenmiller, motion carried.
Road Fund \$ 125,000 M/S by Steve Russel and Jerome Haggenmiller, motion carried.
Fire Fund \$ 55,000 M/S by Jerome Haggenmiller and Steve Russel, motion carried.
Chloride \$ 25,000 M/S by Jason Bous and Paul Luedke, motion carried.
Gopher \$ 0 M/S by Jason Bous and Paul Luedkt, motion carried.

A 2016 total Levy of \$ 235,000.00 M/S by Scott Johnson and Paul Luedke, motion carried.

The 2016 Miltona Township Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 8th at the Miltona Community Center at 7 pm. A motion by Jerome Haggenmiller and seconded by Rick Mittag, motion carried.

As there was no further business on the agenda, M/S by Palph Buelke and Paul Luedke to adjourn the 2015 Miltona Township Annual Meeting, motion carried.



Tom Blank, Clerk



Bob Ebbenga, Moderator

