

Miltona Township Annual Meeting

March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Tom Blank at 7:00 pm, 18 electors were present for the meeting. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bev Bales spoke for a few minutes giving a recap of the year and letting people know that she is retiring after 16 years.

Nominations for moderator from the floor for Jerome Haggemiller and Don Henning, a vote was called for as no more nominations. Results of voice vote was Jerome 3 and Don 8. Don Henning will be moderator for the meeting.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of Miltona Township was read, and a motion by Paul Luedke and seconded by Bob Ebbenga to accept the minutes, motion carried.

Gary Anderson gave a road report and discussed the Hamms Creek improvements working on and the grants we have applied for through WSN. Engineers survey is complete and will complete the project hopefully in 2017 if we get the grant we are expecting which will limit the township funds to \$20,000. A motion by Bob Ebbenga and seconded by Ina Jocomo, motion carried.

Fire Report was given by Jerome Haggemiller. Majority of the calls have been for EMS (38) service with a couple grass fires (3). Total budget is from township is \$ 61,975.00. 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 Andy Anderson and seconded by Bob Ebbenga, 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. 2 places were visited this year and all issues were taken care of within 10 days. Gary liked handling the issues internally and not going to the County. A motion by Ron Tschaehofske and seconded by Paul Luedke, motion carried.

Steve Russell gave the gopher report. 100 pair gopher feet turned in this year paying out \$200.00 and levy amount for 2016 remains at zero. The bounty will remain at \$2 for each pair of front feet. A motion by Kathy Anderson and seconded by Ina Jocomo, motion carried.

Tom Blank reported on our Fund Balances. Our fund balances within all funds totals \$476,214.39, which is an increase of \$84,553.57. Our total receipts for the year amounted to

\$313,778.52 and expenditures to 229,224.95. A motion by Bob Ebbenga and seconded by Kathy Anderson to accept report motion carried.

Steve Russell gave the Assessors report of the township. For the 2016 Assessment sales from October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015 are used. There were 21 good "arm's length" sales with the median ratio of 100.5%. Of these 21 sales 4 were on Lake Irene, 3 on Lake Vermont, 9 were on Lake Miltona and 5 were off the lakes. On Lake Miltona itself there were 14 sales for this period with 9 in Miltona Township, 5 in Leaf Valley and no 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 Miltona Township is set for April 22nd at 9 am in the Assessor's office. You can call for appointments at 320-762-3884. This summer Miltona Township is scheduled for a "Door to Door" viewing. A motion by Ron Tschaehofske and seconded by Gary Anderson to accept the Assessor Report, motion carried.

Discussion about appointing the Clerk position, this is a ballot question that would be on the November 2016 general election.

A donation to the Lakes Area Recreation for public funding year 2016 is requesting an amount of \$1,000.00 for 2016. A motion by Kathy Anderson and seconded by bob Ebbenga, motion carried.

The open book meeting is scheduled for Friday April 22nd at 9 pm if you have concerns with property valuations, must make appointment ahead of time to discuss your concerns.

Budget Setting

General Fund \$ 50,000 M/S by Gary Anderson e and Paul Luedke, motion carried.
Road Fund \$145,000 M/S by Kathy Anderson and Ina Jocome, motion carried.
Fire Fund \$ 62,000 M/S by Jerome Haggemiller and Bob Ebbenga, motion carried.
Chloride \$ 40,000 M/S by Gary Anderson and Paul Luedke, motion carried.
Gopher \$ 200 M/S by Paul Luedke and Kathy Anderson, motion carried.

A 2017 total Budget of \$ 297,200.00 M/S by Gary Anderson and Paul Luedke, motion carried.

Levy Setting

General Fund \$ 20,000 M/S by Gary Anderson and Jerome Haggemiller, motion carried.
Road Fund \$ 125,000 M/S by Bob Ebbenga and Gary Anderson, motion carried.
Fire Fund \$ 40,000 M/S by Kathy Anderson and Paul Luedke, motion carried.
Chloride \$ 50,000 M/S by Paul Luedke and Gary Anderson, motion carried.

A 2017 total Levy of \$ 235,000.00 M/S by Gary Anderson and Paul Luedke, motion carried.

The 2017 Miltona Township Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 8th at the Miltona Community Center at 7 pm. A motion by Gary Anderson and Paul Luedkt, motion carried.

As there was no further business on the agenda, M/S by Gary Anderson and Ron Tschaehofske to adjourn the 2016 Miltona Township Annual Meeting, motion carried.



Tom Blank, Clerk

Don Henning, Moderator

