

Deerwood Township
Deerwood Township Annual Meeting
March 12, 2019

Carol Pundt, clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:32.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Walth

Present: David Gray, Fred Tessmer, Jim Walth, Amy Donovan, Carol Jensen, Carol Pundt

A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to nominate James Walth as moderator of the meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

The March 12, 2018 annual meeting minutes were read by Carol Pundt, clerk. A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to approve the annual meeting minutes as read. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to approve the minutes of the reconvening of the Annual Meeting on 8/20/2018. All voted in favor of the meeting

Amy Donovan, treasurer, summarized the Township financial report. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Carol Jensen to approve the treasurer's report. This report had been approved by the Board at their Budget/Audit meeting on February 25, 2019.

Road & Bridge Report: A written road report, which was prepared by Steve Reilly, was included in the agenda packet for review.

A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to approve the 2020 Levy for \$495,000, with the General Fund at \$95,000, Fire Fund at \$55,000, Town Hall Fund at \$15,000, the Road and Bridge Fund at \$200,000 and the Road and Bridge Bond Repayment Fund at \$130,000. All voted in favor of the motion. \$50,000 out of the General Fund will be saved for road and capital improvements. The General Fund has the flexibility to disburse monies to the other designated account funds in the Township Levy.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Amy Donovan to designate the Deerwood Bank and Unity Bank as the Township's financial depositories. All voted in favor of the motion.

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The day month and time of the regular Township Board meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. unless it is a national holiday at which time the meeting will be held on the following Wednesday.

A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to hold the 2020 annual meeting at the Deerwood Town Hall starting at 6:30p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Donations: Donations requests letters received by the Township will be reviewed by the Board at the April Board meeting. As advised by the Minnesota Townships Association in their Winter 2017 Township Newsletter, there is no general authority to donate town funds to a non-profit entity. Supervisors cannot merely follow the direction of the voters, at the annual meeting, to provide donations.

Other Business:

Fred Tessmer voiced his concerns regarding what the Township is paying the Deerwood Fire Department for their services compared to other towns and townships in the area. The Township has entered into a 5 year contract which

began on January 1, 2019 at which time the contract will be renegotiated another 5 years. The Township has not received a 2018 annual report from the Fire Department. James Walth will meet with the fire chief for an update.

A motion was made by Fred Tessmer and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Clerk

Moderator