

## Annual meeting March 14, 2017

The Clerk called the meeting to order at: 8:15 p.m. Don McTavish nominated Rolf Carlson for moderator. With no further nominations Rolf accepted the nomination.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting: Barb Crow made a motion to approve the minutes from 2016, Peggy Dahlberg seconded. With no amendments the motion passed unanimously.

Call for Bank of Deposit (*currently The Lake Bank and North Shore Bank of Commerce*): Don Sitter made a motion to continue with The Lake Bank and North Shore Bank of Commerce, Ellen O'Neill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call for Newspaper of Publication (*currently the Duluth News Tribune*): Dan Rosenlund made a motion to keep the Duluth News Tribune as the newspaper of publication, Bill Cox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Call for Official Posting Places (*currently the Town Hall; Scenic Café; Fire Hall #1 and North Shore Community School*): Don Sitter made a motion to keep the current posting places, Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### Presentation of Budgets

Motion to approve the total budget of **\$350,563.00**: Barb Crow made a motion to approve the total budget, Mary Anne Daniel seconded.

Introduction by Dave Mount who presented how the budgeting and levy approval process works, the difference between levied and non-levied funds and an explanation of the fund balances. Each department will now present their budget and how they came to that number.

Police Department budget of **\$58,370.00** was presented by Chief Shawn Padden his 29<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Duluth Township. Thank you to Shawn and Steve Peterson for all their hard work.

Fire Department budget of **\$67,800.00** was presented by Chief Robert Engelson and Assistant Chief Rob Peldo: We have 22 members who cover 90 square miles and last year responded to 105 calls. We have 2 members who help maintain our equipment and a fire auxiliary who hold 2 fund raisers per year. We are in the process of putting an addition on the Ryan Road fire hall to help ease the problem of 4 vehicles in 3 bays which currently makes shuffling vehicles time consuming and problematical. We have roof and siding problems on the 24 year old Ryan Road building and hope to resolve all the buildings issues at the same time with the bay addition. We currently have a healthy ending balance we've been saving money towards building repairs. There are no major changes to the budget.

Question: a while back you were struggling to find volunteers for the Alden hall.

Answer: That is still a problem we have one volunteer and one vehicle in Alden. We have room for 3 more on our roster in general.

Question: where is the building fund specifically in the budget?

Answer: it is altogether and included in the total.

General Township budget of **\$107,040.00** was presented by Dave Mount. Dave explained the current budget.

Question: Why do we not have a capital line item in each budget?

Answer: we could we just haven't but it is something to look into.

Planning and Zoning budget of **\$23,853.00** was presented by Director Sue Lawson: Current commission members are John Schifsky, Paul Voge, Jo Thompson, Larry Zanko, Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge and Liz Strohmayr, Beth Mullan Secretary, Sue Lawson Director and Dave Edblom Town Board liaison. We processed 39 land use permits in 2016. Commission projects for 2016 included the definition of types and permitted locations of greenhouses; proposed rezoning of LIU3A to FAM3 and the possibility of rezoning of SMU8 Zone District (Greenwood Road). Storm water and Land Disturbance projects included enacting the storm water ordinance in 2016 in response to MPCA requirements. A special thanks to Val Brady and Jo Thompson for their volunteer work on storm water issues.

Dave Mount introduced the current Town Board, Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, Travis Stolp, Barb Crow. Many thanks to Dave Edblom and Wendy Gustofson for their hard work on the Board. Dave also thanked outgoing Treasurer Janet Johansen for her 20 plus years of service to the Township and welcomed Melinda Peulen as our new treasurer. Our attorney Tim Strom also retired this year, many thanks Tim for everything you have done for the township.

Cemetery budget of **\$7500.00** was presented by Barb Crow: The budget is primarily composed of wages, lawn mowing and some minor repairs made to the building. In 2018 we will begin to plan for a larger building repair. Thank you to Cemetery Sexton Molly Tillotson.

Emergency Operations budget of **\$1000.00** was presented by Barb Crow: As part of Public Safety the town board approved an emergency operations plan in 2014. Emergency operation members are all volunteers. The proposed expenditure is for replenishing supplies that would be needed in the event of an emergency situation in the township.

Road and Bridge budget of **\$85,000.00** was presented by Travis Stolp: There are 11.79 miles of township roads, roads are graded 2 times a year. We replaced a cross culvert and a driveway culvert on the Clover Valley Road and gravel was put on the entire Johnson Road. Ditching was done along with the required revegetation erosion control on the West Shilhon Road and driveway culverts off the Bergquist Road. There were 4 site entry permits last year. The East Lismore Road didn't get completed last year but will be started immediately this spring. Our road contract is up and bids are currently being accepted.

Question: can we put a list of town roads on the web site?

Question: have we looked outside the Greenwood road, at how much is spent per household is spent on township roads?

Comment: you also maintain a \$35,000.00 emergency fund within your budget.

Vote on the motion to approve the total budget of **\$350,563.00**: Motion passed unanimously.

Set time and date of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting (March 13, 2018 8:15 p.m.): Don Sitter made the motion, Carolyn Marino seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Election results:

Rolf Carlson 126  
Corlis West 81  
Wendy Gustofson 59  
Lars Fladmark 1  
George Sundstrom 1  
Dave Edblom 1

Concerns from the Audience: None

Adjournment: Darcy Rolf made a motion to adjourn Barb Crow seconded. Motion passed. 9:13 p.m.