

Minutes
Annual Meeting-Ida Township
March 8, 2011
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield MN

The Clerk Barbara Kilgore called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Supervisors Mike Rosenwald, Tom Searcy, Dan Diedrich and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present. 29 residents of Ida Township also signed in and were present at the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Kilgore announced that the meeting is being recorded and the tapes are only to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Mike Rosenwald made a motion to nominate Glenn Van Amber as the moderator of the meeting. Frank Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Amber welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mike Rosenwald made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting and approve the minutes as written. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Palmer Krueger gave the 2010 treasurer's report. Copies of the report were available to everyone in attendance. Frank Bartlett made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed and read and to waive reading of all checks written and received. Bob Rehovsky seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Garfield Fire Department Bob Rehovsky of the Garfield Fire Department thanked the township for their continued support. Rehovsky reported that there were a record number of calls this year. There were 74 calls and a couple of fatalities. Of those calls, 21 were in Ida Township. The Fire Department has frozen their budget for 2012. The amount Ida Township will owe in 2012 is \$26,441. Rehovsky noted that charitable gambling helps keep the costs down. Rehovsky reported that the Fire Department has done well in getting grants to help with the costs of going to the 800 megahertz radio equipment and with the purchase of another rescue truck. Van Amber thanked Rehovsky for the report. He also thanked the fire department volunteers for their service on behalf of the township.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Captain Sanganoo informed us that the Alexandria unit will be deploying in May and heading for somewhere in Southwest Asia. The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program has been formed to help and support the families of the Service Members while they

are deployed and when they return. He asked for volunteers and left some information pamphlets. There will be a meeting on March 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the House of Prayer Church in Alexandria.

Roads

Dan Diedrich reported that the Township spent more on gravel in 2010, which has helped get the gravel roads in better shape. Diedrich noted that he has received quite a few compliments on the way AJ has been plowing the roads this winter. Diedrich stated that the township spent \$10,600 on repairing blacktop roads in 2010. The Board is looking into crack filling and seal coating to help prolong the life of the blacktop roads. The cost of seal coating is approximately \$20,000 a mile and the township has about 12.5 miles of blacktopped roads.

In-house Road Maintenance Mike Rosenwald stated that the Township has had issues in the past with road maintenance and the Board has looked into bringing the road maintenance in-house. The Board looked at the requirements that we would need to do this. We would need a building to house the equipment, 2 trucks, 1 motor patrol and 1 full time employee. Bringing the road maintenance in-house would give the board more control and possibly get the snow plowing done faster. The cost for doing the maintenance in-house would be \$10,000-\$15,000 more per year than contracting the work done. The Board has checked with other townships, but they are not ready to commit to combining with us at this time. Rosenwald noted that AJ has improved and is currently providing better service.

- **Mari-ann Bartlett** asked if the Board had checked with other communities who did their own maintenance. Rosenwald said he had and they were all glad that they had taken over their own road maintenance.
- **Roland Walsh** doesn't believe that the numbers provided by the Town Board are even close to the actual costs. He mentioned benefit and pension costs of a full time employee as additional costs. He doesn't recommend that the township take over the road maintenance.
- **Barbara Jespersion** said she thought the wage for a full time employee of \$34,000 was too low.
- **Bob Rehovsky** asked about the building that was planned. Rosenwald told him the Board checked into a 45' X 60' building, which would cost approximately \$130,000, but we may need a bigger building than that. There would be room on the town hall property for the building.
- **Joe Zunker** asked about Brandon Township. Rosenwald stated that they do their own road maintenance.

A vote was taken. The majority of people at the meeting want to stay with contracting for road maintenance. The issue was tabled.

Organized Garbage Collection

Tom Scarcy reported that there are 5-6 garbage and recycling trucks going down some of the roads in the township each week. The weight and speed of the trucks is causing deterioration of the roads. If the issue is approved, a committee would be formed to check into the process of

organizing garbage collection, and contracting so the number of garbage collection trucks going down each road in the township would be reduced.

- **Paul Kallibabky** from Waste Management noted that the Board would be in charge of policing the billings and the pick-up process if the township decided to let bids and limit garbage pick-up to one hauler. He is in favor of the open market system and people being able to choose the garbage collector they like.
- **Shannon Schmidt** of Alex Refuge said he agrees with Kallibabky and likes having an open market.
- **Mike Rosenwald** stated that the Board is worried about the deterioration to the new blacktopped roads and the weight of the trucks.
- **Joe Zunker** commented on the whether they were affected by the road restrictions in the spring of the year.
- **Barbara Jespersion** said that they have at least three garbage trucks going down her road each week. She thinks limiting the garbage trucks on the roads is a great idea.
- **Jean Challeen** said she is happy with her garbage service, but is also concerned about the roads. She is interested in the statute and doing a 90 day study of the situation.
- **Kevin Anderson** noted that there are also a lot of LP trucks using the township roads.
- **Jeff Hook** stated that the Board is blaming one sector of business when there are a lot of other people who use and tear up the roads.

Tom Scarcy made the motion to see if we should pursue organized collection of garbage. Rosemary Etzel seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Ayes - 12, Nays – 17. Motion defeated.

Gopher Feet Bounty Dan Diedrich made the motion to leave the price for gopher feet at \$2.50 for pocket gophers and leave the price at \$.50 for striped gophers. Frank Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Setting the Levies for 2012

Mike Rosenwald explained how the board came up with their budget and recommendations for the 2012 levies. The Board's recommendations were: Revenue Fund - \$80,000, Road and Bridge Fund - \$175,000, Fire Fund- \$70,000, Blacktop/Upgrade Fund - \$30,000, 7T Debt Service - \$57,000, ALASD Estimate - \$110,000 for a total of \$512,000. Joe Zunker recommended dropping down the Blacktop/Upgrade Fund to \$20,000 or \$25,000. Rosemary Etzel made the motion to approve the levy amounts as proposed by the Board. Mari-ann Bartlett seconded the motion. Vote Taken. Motion approved.

Election Results

Glenn Van Amber stated that the Election results are unofficial until the Board of Canvass meets and officially declares the results. Kilgore reported the election results were as follows. There were a total of 69 votes.

- The election results for Supervisor Seat A for a 3-year term were:

Mike Rosenwald	60
Write-ins	
John Kilpatrick	2

Jim Nieland	1
Blank	6

- The election results for Treasurer for a 2-year term

Palmer Krueger	64
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Write-ins

Paul Niemczycki	1
Glenn Van Amber	1
Blank	3

Lake Charley Cemetery update

Frank Bartlett of the Lake Charley Cemetery Committee thanked Bill Olson for the work he does mowing and keeping the cemetery in respectful order. He also thanked the Newcomers club for donating time to plant flowers around the cemetery sign. Bartlett reported that there haven't been any new burials. Five lots were sold in 2010 bringing the total to a total to fifteen sold and thirty-three left for sale. The Cemetery Committee consists of Frank Bartlett, Julie Kirscht and Wayne Odegaard. Bartlett asked that any volunteers who would like to serve on the committee contact the township office.

Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting

Tom Scarcy made the motion to set the time for the annual election for March 13, 2012 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Annual Meeting to follow the closing of the polls. Dan Diedrich seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization Mike Rosenwald announced that the Board of Equalization will be held on April 18, 2011. If anyone disagrees with the assessed value of their property for real estate tax purposes, they need to contact the County Assessor's office to set up an appointment.

Signage Joe Zunker asked how the township is doing on the mandated reflectivity sign replacement. Mike Rosenwald said that the inventory has been done and we are about half-way through the replacement of the signs. Zunker gave the township the name of a company that makes signs that cost considerably less than local vendors. He will let the township know about the quality of the signs.

Frank Bartlett thanked Glenn Van Amber for doing a good job of moderating the meeting.

Adjourn

Frank Bartlett made the motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Betty Cichy-Anderson seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Glenn Van Amber
Moderator