

MINUTES
TWIN LAKES TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 9, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Carlton County Transportation Building

Clerk Sue Chapin opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Township electors present: Alanna Soukkala, Randy Willie, Diane Felde-Finke, Doug Finke, Ginny Vernon, John Vernon.

Guests present: Jacob Warkentin.

The clerk called for the election of a moderator. **MOTION to nominate Doug Finke as moderator was made by J. Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes for Doug Finke as moderator.**

Finke asked if all had read the minutes. **MOTION to approve the March 10, 2020 annual meeting minutes as printed was made by J. Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- The 2020 financial reports were reviewed. **MOTION to waive the reading of all checks written and received was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Water Line report: Randy Willie reported that the project is out for bid, and there is a lot of interest. Pre-bid meetings were held last week and there were 12 prime bidders that called in for the meeting regarding the line itself, and 3 bidders that called in for the meeting regarding the buildings. Bids will be opened a week from Friday. The public improvement hearing was held last week, and that went well with a good turnout. The township received a \$7.5 million grant for the project in last fall's bonding bill.

- Jacob Warkentin: Warkentin works for Congressman Stauber's office, and is the field representative for this area. He read a statement from Congressman Stauber, and encouraged anyone to contact him with comments or concerns.

- Road report: Felde-Finke reported that no major road reconstruction was done this past year, but the usual ongoing maintenance was, including a lot of pothole filling, patching, crack sealing, adding class 5 as needed, and dust control. Much brushing was done on several roads, making for better visibility of signs and for better sight lines. This season we'll do our annual road review to determine what needs to be done and what priorities should be.

SET LEVIES FOR 2022 TAXES

- Discussion on what Capital Projects funds are used for, and whether Road and Bridge levy is enough.

MOTION to levy in taxes for 2022: \$70,000 for General Revenue; \$900,000 for Road and Bridge; \$127,000 for Fire/Ambulance; \$10,000 for Recreation; and \$40,000 for Capital Projects was made by Alanna Soukkala and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.

DONATION REQUESTS FOR 2021

- Alanna Soukkala, President, Four Seasons Event Center and Sports Complex: Soukkala thanked the township for past support. Due to COVID causing a six-week pause in sports, they were careful with spending in the last season. The township's donation really helped to keep the doors open, and they had a total of 44 skaters, which was the most in recent years. She went over various repairs and maintenance that were done last year. Projects being planned for the coming year are new entry/exit doors, new sound system, and repair of a roof leak. They hope the township will continue to support Four Seasons at the same level.

WRITTEN DONATION REQUESTS FOR 2021:

- Ryan Swanson, Vice-President, Carlton Youth Baseball and Softball Association: Due to COVID they were unable to have kids participate last year but are hoping for a season this year. Swanson thanked the township for past support and stated appreciation for continued financial support to cover some of the expenses in the coming summer.

– Any other township business/advisory input to town board: No changes were requested.

Motion to recess the Annual Meeting to Wednesday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Carlton Fire Hall was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting was recessed at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Doug Finke, Moderator