

Sand Lake Township Board Minutes – Regular meeting February 11, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hauck at 7:00 p.m.

Those present included: Ken and Annette Libersky, Don and Martie Wilson, Rick and Ruth Hauck, Jim Delesha and Elaine Rasmussen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the public: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the proposed agenda: Don Second: Ken Approved 3-0

The clerk presented the minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting.

Motion to approve: Rick Second: Don

Approved 3-0

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Martie. There is a checking account balance of \$50,605.61 and an investment balance of \$27,458.10

Motion to Approve subject to audit: Rick Second: Ken

Approved 3-0

The Clerk presented monthly bills for payment in accordance with the Clerk's Claims List for Approval and Payroll as follows:

January 2010: \$1,649.60 including payroll

Motion to approve Payment: Rick Second: Ken

Approved 3-0

February 2010: \$1,702.75 including payroll.

Motion to approve Payment: Rick Second: Don

Approved 3-0

A discussion of a CD for \$8,850.57 currently at NorthviewBank and due for renewal on March 30, 2010 ensued. After consideration of the amount of the CD and the time involved in searching for a better rate, motion was made to direct the Treasurer to renew the CD at its present location and duration: Rick Second: Ken Approved 3-0

Committee Reports:

Social Committee– Ruth Hauck

Building usage included:

Game Nights were held on December 4, 11, and 18, 2009 and January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010 and February 5, 2010

The Women of the Woods met on December 28, 2009 and January 11, 2010

The Evergreen Friendship Club met on December 8, 2009 for a Christmas party.

Rental usage of the building included:

January 9, 2010 for Miller's Christmas party

Township use of the building included the regular February Board of Supervisors' Meeting and Budget Meeting on February 11, 2010

Road / Bridge – Ken Libersky

Ken reported that Wes will plow the Community Center parking lot when he plows the road. He has completed a sign inventory that the Clerk will forward to the Itasca County Township Association.

Old Business:

Community Center: The lighting problems for the flag were discussed,. The Clerk will attempt to find a new battery for the solar fixture in the hopes that it will function properly.

The new tables have been delivered and the board decided by consensus to sell the old tables to interested citizens for a price of \$10.00 each. The Social Director will collect the money.

Don has checked with the REC and they will look at the light over the old volleyball area and give us an estimate for the cost of moving it closer to the parking lot.

Cemetery Issues: The Board feels that there is a need for more clarification of eligibility for internment in the cemetery. A discussion of the Board role in improvements to the cemetery was held. Consensus was that the Board needs to approve expenditures, but the Standing Committee should have the primary role in such improvements. The Clerk will be establishing a separate accounting ledger for cemetery expenses, since some of the funds are dedicated to cemetery improvement by donation.

New Business:

The Clerk requested the Board authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to pay the bills in March subject to approval at the April meeting. Motion to do so: Rick Second: Ken Approved 3-0

The Township Annual Meeting and Dinner on March 10 was discussed. It was decided that the Board will prepare the dinner with the same menu as last year. The Clerk will be responsible for purchasing the food and it will be prepared at the Community Center. The meeting and the dinner will be posted in the Deer Path Shopper before that date.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was discussed. County Maintenance Contract, determination of Township Banks and Publication newspaper, public input into the cemetery concerns, Fire Department concerns and the Levy will all be included on the agenda. It was felt that the Board should solicit other bids for road maintenance to be presented at the meeting. Don and Ken will contact individuals who are engaged in such work. Community Center improvements to be discussed include the enclosure of the picnic shelter to house Township equipment.

The Clerk announced the MAT Short course Training Session will be held in Grand Rapids on April 1, 2010. All members indicated that they will attend this session.

The 2010 Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing will be on April 22, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sand Lake Community Center.

Budget Working Session

The Board discussed the Annual Budget Proposal to be presented to the Community on March 9, 2010. Considerations included no annual rise in fire department protection costs, the anticipated cost of propane, Class 5, and the increase in the Road and Bridge Levy in order to keep the Community eligible for gas tax refunds. The Clerk reported that the County has advised us that the R&B Levy must be at least \$32,056.78, a .3% increase over the current year, in order for the Township to qualify for Road and Bridge Aid in the subsequent aid year.

Motion was made to direct the Clerk to prepare a budget that included no spend-down of reserves and made no increases in the levy asking over the current year, resulting in a tax asking of \$65,318.00, to be presented March 9, 2010 at the Annual Meeting for voter approval: Rick Second: Don Approved 3-0.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn at 8.21 pm was made by Rick Second: Ken Approved: 3-0

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine L Rasmussen, Township Clerk

Rick Hauck, Board Chair

Township of Sand Lake Board of Audit Minutes– February 11, 2010

The Board of Audit was called to order by Rick Hauck at 8:25 p.m.

The Clerk and the Deputy Treasurer made their records available for inspection and comparison by the Board.

The Board conducted such inspection and concluded that the records were accurate and complete for the time frame under scrutiny.

Motion to certify the audit of records: Rick Second: Ken Approved 3-0

Motion to adjourn The Board of Audit at 8:45 pm: Rick Second: Don Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Elaine L Rasmussen, Township Clerk

Rick Hauck, Board Chair