

Hay Creek Township annual Meeting
March 10, 2015

Attending: Kurt Koester, Stan Koester, Russell Quade, Nathan Jaeger, David Sucher, Jim Maybach, Wayne Schilling, Marion Kolberg, Brad Kolberg, Jim Bryant, Betty Jaeger, John Jaeger, Susan Cushing, Scott Halverson, Pat O'Neill, Elaine Diercks, Amy Nelson, Keith Fossen, Rick Peterson, Grant Ekblad, Marilyn Schilling

Guests: Nate Timm, Goodhue County Sheriff's Office; Jason Majerus, Goodhue County Commissioner

The annual meeting was called to order by Marilyn Schilling, Clerk, on March 10, 2015, at 8:15 p.m. Marilyn welcomed those attending and introduced the township officers. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Appointment of Moderator:

Action: A motion was made by Wayne Schilling and seconded by Sue Cushing to appoint Brad Kolberg as the meeting moderator. The motion carried unanimously.

Election Results: Marilyn Schilling presented the election results as follows:

Supervisor

Jim Everman – 7

Nathan Jaeger – 31

Amy Nelson – 22

Treasurer

Brad Kolberg – 58

No vote - 2

Goodhue County Sheriff's Department: Nate Timm, Goodhue County patrol officer explained a recently enacted county ordinance for licensing ATVs to ride on county roads. Those ATVs with ag permits do not need the additional county permit. The jail population is at 134 inmates. They are currently boarding inmates for the State of Minnesota. Drug thefts and impaired driving are two of the biggest challenges for the sheriff's department.

2016 Annual Meeting and Election:

Action: A motion was made by Jim Maybach, seconded by Wayne Schilling and carried to hold the annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, March 10, 2016, beginning at 8:15 p.m., with elections to be held on the same date from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes The March 11, 2014 annual meeting minutes were read by Marilyn Schilling.

Action: A motion was made by Jim Maybach, seconded by Amy Nelson and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's 2014 Annual Report: Marilyn Schilling read the 2014 treasurer's report.

Action: A motion was made by Sue Cushing, seconded by Nate Jaeger and carried to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Planning Commission Report: Scott Halverson reported that the land use management plan was updated in 2014, and approved at the November board meeting. Goals for the update of the land use management plan update were explained. The planning commission 2015 goal is to consider whether an update needs to be made to the subdivision ordinance. There is an open spot on the planning commission and Scott asked that anyone interested in serving to contact him.

Roads and Bridges Report: Scott Halverson reported that three culverts were replaced in 2014, on Grosse Point Road, Huneke Road and Orchard lane. Several needed major projects were explained, including Southview Ridge resurfacing, South Oaks sealcoating and other culverts to be replaced.

Residents who use calcium chloride on their roads in the summer were encouraged to get orange identification flags from the clerk's office to clearly mark their roads where the calcium chloride has been spread.

Pat O'Neill explained the project to replace road safety and road identification signs with those that meet reflectivity requirements and expected costs for the next year.

Wayne Schilling asked for an update on Beckmark Lane culvert repair or replacement. Scott explained what options have been discussed. No decisions have been made.

Fire Protection Update: Brad Kolberg reviewed the Goodhue Community Fire Association annual meeting the he and Scott Halverson attended in February. The fire hall roof replacement will not be done this year, so the levy remained stable for 2015.

2016 Levy: Brad Kolberg explained the supervisors' recommendation to increase the levy \$20,000 to \$140,000/roads and bridges and \$60,000 general fund. The reasons for a needed increase include the anticipated major road and bridge projects, sign reflectivity replacement project, anticipated fire levy increase and the low fund balance due to the increase in road maintenance with the harsher winters.

Action: A motion was made by Keith Fossen and seconded by Wayne Schilling to set the 2016 levy to \$160,000 for roads and bridges and \$60,000 for the general fund. After discussion, the motion carried.

Special Events/Gifts And Awards Allocation: The supervisors requested approval to allocate \$500 for special events and gifts.

Action: A motion was made by Russ Quade, seconded by Keith Fossen and carried to approve a \$500 allocation for special events gifts and awards.

Donation Requests: Requests for donations have been received from the Goodhue County Fair Board and Goodhue County Historical Society.

Action: A motion was made by John Jaeger, seconded by Keith Fossen and carried to recommend that the town board donate \$500 to the Goodhue County Fair and \$100 to the Goodhue County Historical Society.

Road side pick-up dates were wet for April 24-26, with Ekblad's picking up the trash for disposal on April 27th.


Jim Bryant thanked Pat O'Neill for his service the past several months when Pat filled in for the open supervisor position.

County Commissioner Report: Jason Majerus, county commissioner discussed the commissioners' position on the proposed Zip Rail. He indicated the county is supporting a no build option.

Adjourn: There being no further business brought forward, a motion was made by Wayne Schilling, seconded by Jim Bryant and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Schilling, Clerk
Hay Creek Township


Brad Kolberg
Moderator
3/11/15