

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 13, 2012

The Annual Carlos Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl, Rodney Meyers, Dean Yohnke and Rebecca Anderson represented the Town Board. There were approximately 25 other citizens in attendance.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The board introduced themselves to the residents as there were a few new faces in the crowd. Nominations for Moderator were called for from the floor. Rod Meyers nominated Dwayne Waldorf with Steve Henry seconding the motion. There being no other nominations, Dean Yohnke moved to cease nominations with Ted Steidl seconding the motion. On a voice vote, Dwayne Waldorf was unanimously chosen as Moderator.

Copies of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting held on March 8, 2011 had been distributed to the townspeople in attendance. Time had been allowed for reviewing them. Kevin Gorghuber moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ray Beilke seconded the motion and it carried on a unanimous vote.

GUESTS:

1. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** Kevin Gorghuber addressed the group and highlighted several projects that AAEDC did this year. He also noted the AAEDC has been in existence since 1990. The commission is very close to having the entire county pay for this commission rather than just a few. AAEDC is asking for \$18,359 which is an increase from the 2012 request of \$17,824.
2. **Lakes Area Recreation:** There was no representative from Lakes Area Recreation. Their request remained the same as 2012 at \$6,318.
3. **Alexandria Fire Department:** Jeff Karrow and Reed Heidelberger representing the City of Alexandria were in attendance. Jeff went over the statistics from 2011 and mentioned the Sun Opta fire where resources were pooled from all fire departments in the county along with Glenwood and Parkers Prairie. That fire was fought in -34 degrees. They have also started an Explore program for young people, that deals with them taking on personal responsibilities, along with drug testing for firefighters. Reed discussed how the amount for fire funding is determined. The city is requesting a levy of \$22,463. Denny Steen asked if there was ever a reason for the fish kill on Lake Agnes, as some residents thought perhaps foam or contaminated water from the Sun Opta fire may have drained into the lake. Jeff stated he gave all of the information to the DNR, however, he is not aware if any study was performed.
4. **Carlos Fire Department:** Mike Trinka representing the Carlos Fire Department, went over statistics for 2011. They are requesting \$32,780 for 2013, which is the same amount requested for 2012. They are in their third year of planning for a new fire

station and are in the process of obtaining bids. In order to apply for grants, they have to advertise for bids to get an estimate on the project.

5. **Carlos First Responders:** Savanna Steidl addressed the townspeople asking for a levy of \$3,150 which is an increase of \$150 from 2011. The reason for the increase is due to gas prices and the cost to train new volunteers and the purchase of a more reliable rig. There were 47 calls this year which is comparable to past years.

Moderator Waldorf then asked for motions on the following levy requests:

AAEDC: Kevin Gorghuber moved to approve the request to AAEDC in the amount of \$18,359. Bill Krivanek seconded the motion and it carried.

Lakes Area Recreation: Kevin Gorghuber moved to approve the request for LAR in the amount of \$6,318. Rebecca Anderson seconded the motion and it carried.

Alexandria Fire Department: Steve Henry moved to approve the request for the Alexandria Fire Department for the amount requested of \$22,463. Bill Krivanek seconded the motion and it carried.

Carlos Fire Department: Kevin Gorghuber moved to approve the request of \$32,780. Randy Palmer seconded the motion and it carried.

Carlos First Responders: Ray Beilke moved to approve the request of \$3,150. Ted Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business:

Eileen Backmann reported on the \$1,000 that had been given to the State Park for playground equipment in 2011. She stated the project is still in the works; however, there have been delays in moving forward, i.e. state shutdown, illness, infrastructure work, etc. The funds for the project are in a 501C account. She offered to give the money back if the township deemed so. Kevin Gorghuber moved to have the state keep the money for another year and have Eileen report back to us with a progress report at the next annual meeting. Steve Henry seconded the motion and it carried. Denny Steen asked about liability. Eileen stated even though these are private donations, the state would be held liable if anyone is hurt on the equipment.

Treasurer Dean Yohnke presented the townspeople with the Treasurer/Clerk's Report for 2011. Bill Krivanek moved to approve the report as presented. Kevin Gorghuber seconded the motion and it carried.

Dean Yohnke presented the Three Year Comparison report in regard for expenses incurred by the township.

New Business:

Moderator Waldorf went over the Levy requests for 2013.

GENERAL FUND: Kevin Gorghuber moved to set the General Fund Levy at \$30,000. Mike Maudal seconded the motion and it carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Kevin Gorghuber moved to keep the Road & Bridge levy the same as 2012 at \$350,000. Eileen Backmann seconded the motion. There was discussion held on what projects the board had in mind for this year. The monies are for 2013, not 2012. For 2012 the board is looking at doing more brushing/spraying, road signage that is mandated by the federal government, along with work on Johnson Road. Rebecca Anderson noted it is fiscally responsible to have extra funds available so in the event something comes up, the township does not have to borrow. There were road issues that came up this past year that the township did not budget for, yet the work had to be done. On a voice call vote the motion passed with some opposition.

DEPOSITORY: Kevin Gorghuber moved to continue using Black Ridge Bank of Carlos as the depository for Township funds. Randy Palmer seconded the motion and it carried.

POSTING PLACES: Kevin Gorghuber moved to keep posting notices at the Town Hall, Gas Mart, Three Havens Market, and on the Carlos Township Website; www.carlostownship.org. Steve Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

NEWSPAPER: Bev Bales motioned to continue using the Echo Press as the official newspaper. Bill Krivanek seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION: Kevin Gorghuber moved to hold the next Township Election on the second Tuesday in March from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. Ted Steidl seconded the motion. Bill Krivanek asked how much it would cost to have the election begin earlier. Rebecca Anderson stated judges salaries would come to \$60.00 per hour. On a voice call vote the motion carried.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Steve Henry moved to hold the next Annual Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall at 8:00 PM following the township election. Bev Bales seconded the motion and it carried.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION: The Township will continue to pay for this application for the township residents. Kevin Gorghuber moved to leave the application to the discretion of the board. Steve Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: Randy Palmer moved to increase the pocket gopher bounty to \$3.00 and striped at \$0.50. Norma Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

UN-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS: There were 29 votes cast: Bill Krivanek won for the 3-year supervisor position and Rebecca Anderson won re-election for the clerk position, both with 27 of the 29 votes cast. The official ballot results are on file with the clerk. Bill Krivanek was introduced to the townspeople.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Randy Palmer had an issue with his road which is Loan Oak Circle. He stated the road had not been graded and had become narrower due to the grass not being bladed off of the side. He also stated he had to pay someone to plow the cul de sac, so the school bus could make the turn. Alden Just was at the meeting and stated he takes his direction from the board, and the first he heard of the problem was after the Palmers had attended the February 23rd 2012 board meeting. Cul de sacs are not graded all the time as historically, there is very low usage. Moderator Waldorf stated it is difficult to make all cul de sac property owners happy, as one will want maintenance done and the next will not want any. The road has been graded and he is fine with the current condition. John Swenson from Carlos Timbers West indicated there needs to be more grading on this road as it is very "washboardy". The road was used quite a bit by the public last year, due to the re-construction of CR11/42. He asked about the timing of chloride. Moderator Waldorf stated it's hard to say, as it depends on the weather, and when the chloride is available, however, they like to shoot for a deadline of July 4th.

DOG PROBLEMS: Denny Steen asked about the Animal Ordinance that was mentioned in the newsletter. Rebecca Anderson went over the catch 22 of the township not having an ordinance and the county not responding to enforce it. Now, we have one and the county will address the issues. There are two parts to the ordinance, the first being the supervisors will still pick up roaming dogs and the resident will have to pay to have the dog returned; and the second is where the sheriff's office has to become involved due to a nuisance. Those fees are posted on the township's website.

SPRAYING OF WEEDS: The Board is looking to spend more money on weeds and brush for the upcoming year.

SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS: There are currently no projects in the works. If the residents of South Lake Miltona need to upgrade their systems, they will have to work with each other and the county to come up with a design.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Commissioner Bev Bales: Bev addressed the group and provided an update on activity with the county. She mentioned the loss of the Homestead Credit, however there may be something in the legislature to amend the problem along with the cost of reconstruction of the Sheriff's Department and the Jail.

COMMENT BOX: There were no comments in the comment box.

OTHER COMMENTS: Bev Bales thanked the board for all their efforts and thanked Ted Steidl for his service to the township.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Norma Steidl and seconded by Todd Whiting to adjourn the meeting; motion carried;

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BOARD OF CANVASS
March 13, 2012

The Board of Canvass was called to order with the following members in attendance: Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl and Rodney Meyers. Also present were the township treasurer, Dean Yohnke and clerk, Rebecca Anderson. The Board reviewed the un-official election results. A motion was made by Ted Steidl and seconded by Ron Meyers to declare the election results official. The motion carried. There being no further business to come before this Board, Ted Steidl moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.