

**MINUTES**  
**CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING**  
**March 9, 2010**

The Annual Carlos Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl, Rodney Meyers, Rebecca Anderson and Dean Yohnke 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 the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Nominations for Moderator were called for from the floor. Rebecca Anderson nominated Dwayne Waldorf. Steven Henry seconded the motion, and by voice call vote, Dwayne Waldorf was unanimously chosen as Moderator.

Copies of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting held on March 17, 2009 had been distributed to the townspeople in attendance and time had been allowed for reviewing them. Jeff Parkin moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Bill Januszewski seconded the motion, and it carried on a unanimous vote.

**GUESTS:**

1. **Lakes Area Recreation:** Fritz Bukowski represented the LAR. He went over the numbers for the past year and the need for an increase in funding. LAR is requesting \$6,318 for the year 2011. Last year the townspeople had declined their request for an increase for 2010. Bill Krivanek asked about the viability of LAR once the YMCA is operational. Mr. Bukowski felt the groups are two different facilities. The YMCA works with children under 4 for a preschool program, where LAR does not along with requiring a membership. The LAR is full to capacity when it comes to offering swimming lessons, therefore, it will be good for the community to have another resource for residents to use. Overall he didn't feel the YMCA would effect participation. Ray Bielke asked if LAR had ever looked into a shooting program. LAR uses school facilities and they have a no tolerance for guns, therefore, no. Mr. Bielke asked about the Law Enforcement building at the Alex Tech. Mr. Bukowski stated this idea had never come up, therefore, he did not know if this would be an option.
2. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** At this time, there was no representative for the AAEDC. Therefore, Moderator Waldorf will wait to discuss their request of \$17,824 for 2011. This is down from \$18,049 for 2010.
3. **Alexandria Fire Department:** There was no representative from the Alexandria Fire Department. Moderator Waldorf reviewed the Alexandria Fire Department's request of \$17,197 down from \$18,050 for 2010.
4. **Carlos Fire Department:** There was no representative from the Carlos Fire Department. Moderator Waldorf reviewed their request for \$32,780 which is the same from 2010.
5. **Carlos First Responders:** Chris Hanson presented the Annual Report of the Carlos First Responders, noting there request of \$3,000 has been the same for the past few years. He stated they are looking for volunteers to join the responders. Moderator Waldorf asked if there was a retirement fund. Mr. Hanson stated yes, but alluded to not much of one. They recently retired two

members and are trying to come up with a package for their service. Another cost is pagers and radios along with maintenance for older equipment.

Dean Yohnke presented the townspeople with the Treasurer's Report for 2009. Eric Thesing asked about the CLRSD payment of \$127,840.00. He felt that one person got rich off this venture. Ted Steidl stated many people made a lot of money - from the engineers, the landowner and the attorneys. Bill Krivanek stated he was on the CLRSD board before Lynn Timm and he too felt there were people getting rich off of this venture as there would never be a completed project. He said bills were being paid without documentation and he couldn't stand it. Dennis Schwickerath asked if the comment from last years meeting in regards that only the residents in the CLRSD would be paying this charge. Yes, the cost has been allocated only to the residents that were in the CLRSD. Those costs will be levied on their taxes over a three (3) year period. Bill Krivanek asked if interest is being charged. Ted Steidl stated no, as the township had enough money in the bank that we did not have to bond. Most townships had to borrow the money, which will cost them a lot more, as there is a charge for bonding. Ted Steidl stated the land was offered back to Mr. Steiger in which he presented an offer of \$25,000. Rather than sell it back to him at this ridiculous low price, the CLRSD donated the land to the DNR which will be for public use. Ray Bielke stated this was a good example of how the board has to be careful in entering into joint powers agreements. Moderator Waldorf stated the residents along South Lake Milona wanted this project, and that is why the board moved forward to join.

Dean Yohnke presented the 3 year comparison of costs for the township.

Bill Krivanek moved to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented. Jeff Parkin seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **New Business:**

Moderator Waldorf went over the levy request for 2011.

**GENERAL FUND:** Mike Modahl moved to levy \$30,000. Steven Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** After much discussion on upcoming road projects/costs/signs i.e. Sandhill Lane, Carlos Bluffs, brushing, Bill Krivanek moved to levy \$350,000. Bill Januszewski seconded the motion and it carried.

**LAKES AREA RECREATION:** Steven Henry moved to levy \$6,318. Ann Schwickerath seconded the motion and it carried.

**ALEXANDRIA FIRE:** Dennis Schwickerath moved to levy \$17,197. Steven Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

**CARLOS FIRE:** Jeff Parkin moved to levy \$32,780. Dennis Schwickerath seconded the motion and it carried.

**CARLOS FIRST RESPONDERS:** Ray Bielke moved to levy \$3,000. Ann Schwickerath seconded the motion and it carried.

**DEPOSITORY:** Dennis Schwickerath moved to continue using First State Bank of Carlos as depository for Township funds. Jeff Parkin seconded the motion and it carried.

**POSTING PLACES:** There was discussion regarding posting notices at Three Havens Market. This location is up for sale and there will be road construction this fall. Jeff Parkin moved to continue posting notices at the Town Hall, Gas Mart and Three Havens Market. Steven Henry seconded the motion and it carried. If it doesn't work out to post at Three Havens, the clerk will publish a notice in the Echo Press indicating the new posting location.

**NEWSPAPER:** A motion was made by Dennis Schwickerath and seconded by Jeff Parkin that the Township continues using the Echo Press as the official newspaper; motion carried.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION:** Rebecca Anderson moved the next Township Election to be held from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall on the selected date by the State of Minnesota. Dennis Schwickerath seconded the motion; carried.

**TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:** Ray Bielke moved the next Annual Meeting to be held at the Carlos Town Hall at 8:00 PM following the township election. Dean Yohnke seconded the motion; carried.

**CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION:** The Township is looking to cut back on the cost of chloride. If any residents don't want to have this applied, they are to let the board know. Eric Thesing asked if there is a way for the truck to control how much is being applied. Doreen Vogt representing RBS stated there is a flow rate on the truck. The process of blading the roads, and adding new gravel before chloride is applied, does require more chloride on those areas. Rod Meyers stated he felt there may need to cost share with residents sometime in the future. Ted Steidl stated the original reason for applying chloride was to make the roads sturdier

**GOPHER BOUNTY:** Ted Steidl moved to keep the gopher bounty at \$2.50 and the stripped gopher bounty at \$0.50. Jeff Parkin seconded the motion and it carried.

**UN-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS:** There were 78 votes cast: Dwayne Waldorf won re-election for the 3-year supervisor position with 58 of the 78 votes cast. Rodney Meyers had 54 of the 78 votes cast defeating Bill Krivanek who had 21 votes for the 1-year supervisor position and Rebecca Anderson won re-election for clerk with 69 of 78 votes. The official ballot results are on file with the clerk.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE:** Jeff Parkin had spoken to RBS to see if he could begin snow plowing the area by the Three Havens/Tolena Road area that Alden Just had been billing the township. Jeff had also spoken to Mr. Just indicating to him this area had been neglected this year. He stated after speaking to him, Mr. Just was not making this area a priority.

**DOG PROBLEMS:** Moderator Waldorf had heard residents from the township didn't think the township addressed this issue. The township does not have an ordinance; however, if there is a complaint, the dog is picked up and brought to the humane society. Jeff Parkin agreed this is a good arrangement, as his dog had been picked up and it cost him a bundle to get him back. He said "it works".

**SPRAYING OF WEEDS:** The Board is looking to spray for weeds after ditch brushing is done this year. Ted Steidl stated the worst parts in the county are along county roads and areas owned by the railroad.

**SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS:** Moderator Waldorf indicated there have been a few issues that will be addressed at an upcoming meeting in regard to the Riverview project. There will also be a study of Lake Winona in Alexandria as a resolution is needed to clean up this lake. The township was awarded a grant for the study of the former CLRSD area along South Lake Miltona. This study will let those property owners know what they can do for their upcoming sewer needs. These residents were in favor of the CLRSD; therefore, they are in need for this study.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** Ann Schwickerath asked about the township looking into getting a website. She would like to see the agenda for upcoming meetings, along with minutes and the newsletter. Rebecca will look into this, as it had been discussed in the past meetings.

**COMMENT BOX:** Nothing

**OTHER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Bev Bales updated the townspeople on what is occurring in the legislature. There continues to be cuts across the board. Moderator Waldorf asked if it was true the county is looking at furloughs. She stated due to contracts for this year, they could not make any changes, but those contracts end this year. The county board will be looking at a variety of ways to make cuts, i.e. non paid holidays, furloughs, not replacing staff, along with freezing salaries for next year.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Jeff Parkin and seconded by Eric Thesing to adjourn the meeting; motion carried;

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF CANVASS  
March 9, 2010**

The Board of Canvass was called to order with the following members in attendance: Dwayne Waldorf, Ted Steidl and Rodney Meyers.

The Board reviewed the un-official election results. A motion was made by Ted Steidl and seconded by Rodney Meyers to declare the election results official.

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.