

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 17, 2009

The Annual Carlos Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Kevin Gorghuber, Lynn Timm, Dwayne Waldorf and Dean Yohnke represented the Town Board. There were approximately 20 other citizens in attendance.

Acting as Deputy Clerk, Lynn Timm 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. Dean Yohnke nominated Kevin Gorghuber. Denny Steen seconded the motion, and by voice call vote, Kevin Gorghuber was unanimously chosen as Moderator.

Copies of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting held on March 11, 2008 had been distributed to the townspeople in attendance and time had been allowed for reviewing them. It was agreed to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes. Ray Beilke moved to approve the minutes as printed. Mike Modahl seconded the motion, and it carried on a unanimous vote.

GUESTS:

1. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** Kevin Gorghuber represented the AAEDC in Kevin Kopischke's absence. Gorghuber reviewed the group's mission statement, past year's projects, as well as the jobs retained and created. AAEDC's request for 2010 is \$18,049, which is a decrease of 4%. Gorghuber stated they are currently working on making the AAEDC a countywide organization. The County would become the funding vehicle and each area would pay their portion based upon tax capacity. This change will occur in 2011. Ray Beilke questioned whether the AAEDC was aware of the longspur rail line available in Carlos, as it is a unique piece of equipment that should be utilized. Beilke also pointed out the area has fantastic water resources available for industry. Dwayne Waldorf pointed out that Carlos Township has benefited from their involvement with the AAEDC. Eric Thesing made a motion to honor the request from AAEDC for \$18,049. Eileen Bachman seconded the motion; carried unanimously.
2. **Lakes Area Recreation:** There was no representative from LAR. Moderator Gorghuber reviewed their 2010 request of \$6,272, noting it was up \$1,141 from last year. Gorghuber added that the amount charged per resident has not increased for several years. Dennis Schwickerath stated that the ~~40%~~ ^{20%} increase was too much. A motion was made by Eric Thesing and seconded by Jerry Ruetter to deny the LAR's 2010 request and levy the same amount as 2009, \$5,135; motion carried unanimously.

3. **Alexandria Fire Department:** There was no representative from the Alexandria Fire Department. Moderator Gorghuber reviewed the Alexandria Fire Department's request of \$18,050; up from \$16,402 for 2009. Gorghuber reminded the group that that the Alexandria Fire Department portion of taxes is paid only by those residents being served by the Alexandria Fire Department, not the entire township. Ted Steidl stated that it was interesting that Alexandria went up 10% whereas Carlos stayed the same, and serves the majority. Ted Steidl made a motion to deny the Alexandria Fire Department's 2010 levy request, and levy the same amount as for 2009. There was lengthy discussion and concern expressed that those affected did not have a voice in the decision. Ted Steidl withdrew his motion. Gorghuber called for a motion two times without success. On the third call Lynn Timm moved to honor the request of the Alexandria Fire Department. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion. Although not unanimous, the motion carried.
4. **Carlos Fire Department:** Ed Niblett representing the Carlos Fire Department presented the Annual Report. Niblett stated that the Carlos Fire Department has not raised costs and is requesting \$32,780 for 2010. Ted Steidl moved to approve the levy request of the Carlos Fire Department. Jerry Ruetter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. **Carlos First Responders:** Max Stuben presented the Annual Report of the Carlos First Responders, noting that 51 calls were within Carlos Township. Their request for 2010 is \$3,000, no increase. Ray Beilke moved to accept their request for \$3,000. Denny Steen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. **Carlos State Park:** Eileen Bachman appeared before the group to request additional funding to purchase nature inspired playground equipment for the State Park. Dennis Schwickerath stated that he understood that the request last year was a one-time request and recommended no further donations be given. Eric Thesing made the motion not to fund the request as it was supposed to be a one-time request last year. Dennis Schwickerath seconded the motion and it carried.

Dean Yohnke presented the townspeople with the Treasurer's Report for 2008. Ted Steidl questioned what the \$6,000 expenditure was for in the water fund. Gorghuber explained that the Township entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Carlos with the goal of providing water out to Carlos Corners. Eric Thesing stated that the plan developed by the group was a good plan and an economical way to do it; grant money was available and this need will be looked at again in the future at a higher cost. Thesing pointed out that the people in the City were unwilling to look to the future. Ted Steidl questioned how the project would benefit the community. Eric Thesing voiced the need to plan for the future. Ted Steidl questioned what the Township actually realized from all the TIF given to Brenton Engineering. Gorghuber pointed out that Brenton employees 300 people,

pays well, does well and continues to grow; positively impacting the area. Ray Beilke questioned the legality of entering into a Joint Powers Agreement without electoral approval. Dwayne Waldorf stated that the Board had worked with Attorney Morris Grover on this agreement. Beilke stated that it is ok to explore these things, but they may affect taxation of the township and therefore should have electoral approval. There was discussion about the types of action that require electoral approval. Ted Steidl stated that if the water issue keeps coming up, maybe annexation is the solution. Rod Meyers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Diane Mattocks seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Dean Yohnke presented the 3-year comparison.

Eileen Bachman thanked Dean Yohnke for his years of dedicated, excellent service to the Township.

New Business:

Moderator Gorghuber went over the levy request for 2010.

General Fund: The Board explained the decrease from \$35,000 to \$30,000 was due to a carry-over surplus and their desire to be conservative with the current economy. A motion was made by Ray Belike to levy \$30,000 for the General Fund. Jerry Ruetter seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

Road and Bridge Fund: The Board reviewed upcoming road projects, including lowering the hill on Sandhill Lane, blacktopping Prairie Road and ditch work and upgrade of Johnson Road. Ray Beilke questioned the purpose of tarring Prairie Road and whether it should be a priority or wait until the price of bituminous comes down. Dwayne Waldorf pointed out the price of bituminous is down this year. In addition, Prairie road will have a lot more usage with County 42 reconstruction. Joe Capistrant stated that tarring Prairie Road is an excellent idea and it is time that we get these roads tarred. David Lamb moved to approve \$350,000 for the Road and Bridge Fund. Joe Capistrant seconded the motion; although not unanimous, carried.

Joe Capistrant questioned when Sandhill Lane might be surfaced. Moderator Gorghuber stated the project at hand is getting the road upgraded for safety and the hill lowered; bituminous surfacing would be addressed at a later date.

DEPOSITORY: Eileen Bachman moved to continue using First State Bank of Carlos as depository for Township funds. Rod Meyers seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

POSTING PLACES: Dennis Schwickerath made a motion to continue posting notices at the Town Hall, Gas Mart and Three Havens Market. Gary McPhail seconded the motion and it carried.

NEWSPAPER: A motion was made by Denny Steen and seconded by Norma Steidl that the Township continues using the Echo Press and the official newspaper; motion carried.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION: Ted Steidl 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. Denny Steen seconded the motion; carried.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Denny Steen moved the next Annual Meeting to be held at the Carlos Town Hall at 8:00 PM following the township election. Rod Meyers seconded the motion; carried.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION: Rod Meyers stated that some areas have quit applying CaCl due to cost, water contamination and damage to roads, and as far as he was concerned the Township could quit the application. Meyers added that if people don't like dust, they should live in a city. Dwayne Waldorf explained that CaCl does hold roads together, in addition to the dust control it provides. Joe Capistrant moved to continue with CaCl application. Norma Steidl seconded the motion and it carried.

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

UN-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS: There were 85 votes cast: Dwayne Waldorf had 62 of the 85 votes for the 1-year supervisor position; Ted Steidl had 50 of the 85 votes cast defeating incumbent Kevin Gorghuber who had 35 votes for the 3-year supervisor position and Dean Yohnke run re-election for treasurer with 77 of 85 votes. The official ballot results are on file with the clerk.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Eileen Bachman stated she would like less salt/sand applied to her tar road because it makes her car dirty.

DOG PROBLEMS: None

SPRAYING OF WEEDS. The Board hired an individual to conduct this work last year and that work will continue.

SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS: Dennis Schwickerath questioned who was going to pay for the expenses of the CLRSD. Lynn Timm stated that the CLRSD will allocate the costs to the Township and the Township will then allocate those costs to the project residents based on tax capacity, parcel or other method. Denny Steen thanked the Board for their efforts in getting his area sewered. Corrie Mattocks stated that some of the ditches were filled in from sewer installation, and more water is standing. Gary McPhail stated that North and South Riverview Drive are quite a bit lower after the sewer project and need more gravel. Eileen Bachman stated that there is a lot of water standing along Highway 29 by the supper club, and she thought that was because they used clay fill on the top, which is not allowing seeping. Waldorf acknowledged that some clean up issues remain, and the engineers are aware of them.

FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

COMMENT BOX: Nothing

OTHER COMMENTS: Corrie Mattocks stated that in the last year he has paid over \$4,000 in sewer assessments for a project that he was opposed to. This has been

a hardship. Mattocks added that before doing any type of project, compassion should be shown by considering the projects impact upon the poorest person within the project area. Joe Capistrant thanked outgoing Supervisor Kevin Gorghuber for his excellent leadership and forward thinking.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Ray Beilke and seconded by Jerry Ruetter to adjourn the meeting; motion carried;

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BOARD OF CANVASS
March 17, 2009

The Board of Canvass was called to order with the following members in attendance: Kevin Gorghuber, Lynn Timm and Dwayne Waldorf.

The Board reviewed the un-official election results. A motion was made by Lynn Timm and seconded by Dwayne Waldorf to declare the election results official.

There being no further business to come before this Board, Dwayne Waldorf moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Timm seconded the motion and it carried.