

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 12, 2013

The Annual Carlos Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Dwayne Waldorf, Rodney Meyers, Bill Krivanek, Dean Yohnke and Rebecca Anderson represented the Town Board. There were approximately 15 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. Nominations for Moderator were called for from the floor. Dwayne Waldorf nominated Kevin Gorghuber with Denny Steen seconding the motion. On a voice vote, Kevin Gorghuber was chosen as Moderator.

Copies of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting held on March 13, 2012 had been distributed to the townspeople in attendance. Time had been allowed for reviewing them. Ray Beilke moved to approve the minutes as printed. Kristin Lloyd seconded the motion and it carried on a unanimous vote.

Moderator Kevin Gorghuber indicated a change in town's people voting on levy requests for contracted vendors, such as the Cities of Alexandria and Carlos for fire protection.

GUESTS:

1. **Alexandria Fire Department:** There was no one present from the City; therefore, Clerk Rebecca Anderson addressed the levy request of \$24,477. This levy is up 9% from 2013 due to an overall 3% increase along with an increase in the 5 year average of fire calls. Also, back in 2011, the City had requested \$22,439 for the 2012 levy. The townspeople voted to approve \$17,197, which was the same amount levied for 2011. Per the Minnesota Township Association, budget requests for contracted vendors must be fulfilled; therefore, the township paid the City the difference of \$5,242 for 2012. The amount to be levied to the residents in the Alexandria Fire District for 2014 will be \$22,439 + \$5,242 (2012) totaling \$29,719.
2. **Carlos Fire Department:** Mike Trinka representing the Carlos Fire Department went over statistics and financials for 2012. They are requesting \$32,780 for 2014, which is the same amount requested for 2013.
3. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** Kevin Kopischke addressed the group requesting \$19,000 and gave a summary of AAEDC.
4. **Lakes Area Recreation:** Fritz Bukowski addressed the group with a request of \$6,042 which is a decrease from 2013. The amount requested is based on the population of residents in the township at the rate of \$3.00 per person. Per statistics he obtained, the township's population fell, therefore, the decrease. He also highlighted programs and participation. Ray Beilke asked if the YMCA had taken some of their business. Fritz reported the YMCA has taken some swimming lessons, but that is due to LAR only offering lessons part time during the year where they offer it all year long. Ray also

asked about a shooting program and the response was the same as it has been in the past few years, i.e. that the insurance underwriters will not cover this activity. Fritz did mention that cost to staff programs will most likely increase if the minimum wage bill is approved in the legislature.

5. **Carlos First Responders:** Jason Thimmesh, Savanna Steidl and Kristen Lloyd addressed the townspeople requesting \$3,150 which is the same as 2013. They are looking to purchase a more reliable rig. The call census for 2012 was 75 calls, 55 of them being in the township. There are 12 First Responders in the program and they received applause for the valued work they perform.

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

AAEDC: Kristen Lloyd moved to approve the request to AAEDC in the amount of \$19,000. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried.

Lakes Area Recreation: Bill Krivanek moved to approve the request for LAR in the amount of \$6,042. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Old Business:

Treasurer Dean Yohnke presented the townspeople with the Treasurer/Clerk's Report for 2012 along with the Three Year Comparison report in regard to expenses incurred by the township. Dean stated the interest rate is very low and he will be addressing this with the board to look at moving money markets around to get a better rate.

Kristen Lloyd moved to approve the report as presented. Eileen Bachmann seconded the motion and it carried.

New Business:

Moderator Gorghuber went over the Levy requests for 2014.

GENERAL FUND: Kristen Lloyd moved to set the General Fund Levy at \$30,000. Bea Covell seconded the motion and it carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Bea Covell moved to set the Road & Bridge levy at \$250,000. Kristen Lloyd seconded the motion. This is a decrease of \$100,000 from the past few years. There was discussion held on what projects the board had in mind for this year. With the ending balance of 2012 and the levy request of 2013, that will bring revenues to the R&B fund to approximately \$1,000,000. Bill Krivanek felt we could lower this even more, however, Jason Thimmesh and Eileen Bachmann suggested we leave it at \$250,000, as it is better to have

more money in the account than less. On a hand vote the motion was approved, however it was not unanimous.

State Park Playground Equipment:

Eileen Bachmann 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, the state moves very slowly. The playground project fund has \$21,000 available and is held in a 501C account. The park is looking to purchase a climbing rock wall, which will cost \$20,000. She mentioned park activities held during the winter, in which there are never enough snowshoes to go around. Therefore, she stated a few alternatives for the monies: 1) to keep the money available for when they are ready to purchase the natural playground equipment, 2) return the money to the township, 3) purchase additional snowshoes for events held at the state park.

Moderator Gorghuber suggested the money be returned to the township and two \$500.00 scholarships to be given to Dollar for Scholars to attend Alexandria Technical College.

Ray Beilke moved to approve the purchase of the snowshoes for the \$1,000. Eric Thesing seconded the motion and it carried. Eileen was very appreciative of this gesture.

DEPOSITORY: Eileen Bachmann moved to continue using BlackRidge Bank of Carlos as the depository for Township funds. Kristen Lloyd seconded the motion and it carried.

POSTING PLACES: Kristen Lloyd moved to keep posting notices at the Town Hall, Gas Mart, Sunny's, and on the Carlos Township Website; www.carlostownship.org. Bea Covell seconded the motion and it carried.

NEWSPAPER: Eileen Bachmann motioned to continue using the Echo Press as the official newspaper. Bea Covell seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION: Bea Covell 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. Kristen Lloyd seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Bea Covell moved to hold the next Annual Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall at 8:00 PM following the township election. Kristen Lloyd seconded the motion and it carried.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION: The Township will continue to pay for this application for the township residents. Kristen Lloyd moved to leave the application to the discretion of the board. Bea Covell seconded the motion and it carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: Kristen Lloyd moved to keep the pocket gopher bounty at \$3.00 and striped at \$0.50. Bea Covell seconded the motion and it carried.

UN-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS: There were 27 votes cast: Dwayne Waldorf won re-election for the 3-year supervisor position with 24 votes and Dean Yohnke won re-election for the treasurer position with 27 votes. The official ballot results are on file with the clerk.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Eric Thesing is wondering if the township is getting their monies worth, as the roads need to be better maintained. He drives Sandhill Lane often and it has ice and snow build up. He felt it takes too long to get the roads cleared than in the past. Dwayne Waldorf stated this is due to the maintainer coming from the south, where he is located, rather than from the north, where the previous maintainer was from. Someone has to be last as everyone cannot be first. There are many variables when it comes to plowing roads, such as amount and timing of snow fall, is there a blizzard forecasted, etc. The townspeople felt if he could get the tar roads scraped down to eliminate the build-up that would suffice. Eric thought we contracted with our road maintainer due to the lower cost, and sometimes lower is not better. Bill Krivanek stated the costs were the same; however, the cooperation between both bidding contractors and the board was of great concern. Kristen Lloyd who lives on Birchwood Road stated her road needs attention as she has a daycare business and it can be difficult for her clients to drop off their children. Bill Krivanek, who has lived on that road for 13 years, stated the road conditions have been the same for all that time, so it doesn't make any difference who maintains the road.

DOG PROBLEMS: There will always be dog issues, so this is not something new to the board.

SPRAYING OF WEEDS: There were no comments from anyone on how the board is handling this issue.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Ray Beilke addressed the group indicating he had concerns on how an application for a conditional use was granted for a property on Lone Oak Drive. He felt the area would become a junk yard for cars and that the county zoning department did not express the conditions the property owner needed to comply with at the hearing. Rod Meyers and Dwayne Waldorf stated what conditions Mr. Froemming has to comply with, in order for the conditional use to be granted. Ray stated there were three people at the meeting that were opposed to the application, however, due to the township board not having any issues and the pre-conditions the zoning office presented, the conditional use was granted.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Kristen Lloyd and seconded by Bea Covell to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, the motion carried.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF CANVASS
March 12, 2013**

The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:45 PM with the following members in attendance: Dwayne Waldorf, Rodney Meyers and Bill Krivanek. Also present were the township treasurer, Dean Yohnke and clerk, Rebecca Anderson. Chairman Waldorf reviewed the un-official election results. A motion was made by Rod Meyers and seconded by Bill Krivanek to declare the election results official. The motion carried. There being no further business to come before this Board, Bill Krivanek moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

Moderator *KY* Clerk *RA*