

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 8, 2022

The Carlos Annual Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Tammy Schwegel and Rebecca Anderson represented the Town Board. There were 11 residents along with 3 town board supervisors and presenters for levy requests.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The township board members introduced themselves to the residents in attendance.

Nominations for Moderator was called for from the floor. Rod Meyers moved to nominate Mark Hintermeyer. With no other nominations, Mike Maudal moved to cease nominations with a second by Stephen Henry. On a voice vote Mark Hintermeyer was chosen as Moderator.

Moderator Hintermeyer chose to approve the minutes for the 2021 annual meetings held on March 8th, along with the recessed meeting minutes held on August 12th as printed. After the residents had a few minutes to review those minutes, Dave Lamb moved to approve the 2021 Annual Minutes with a second by Todd Whiting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Presentations:

1. **Alexandria Fire Department:** There was not a representative from the Alexandria Fire Department. Clerk Rebecca Anderson reviewed call numbers from the department along with indicating the levy increase from 2022 of \$18,796 to \$20,450 for 2023. Bill Krivanek indicated the increase was most likely due to increased training cost due to the COVID pandemic decreasing.
2. **Carlos Fire Department:** Todd Burgess, representing the fire department indicated to an increase from \$53,960 to \$59,684.32. He stated the city had signed a 99 year lease with the Alexandria School District for property located on the east side of the elementary school to build a new fire hall. The city has formed an advisory committee consisting of fire department personnel, members from the city council, Belle River, and Carlos Townships.
3. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** Todd Powers has been the township's representative for the last 2 ½ years. They are requesting \$17,250 which is an increase from \$15,500 for 2022. Mr. Powers the AAEDC supports many programs which include "Pitch Your Plan, Donate Car Care Program, along with a Scholarship program for all age of Douglas County residents to attend programs offered at the Alexandria Technical College. There is a stipulation the recipients remain in the Douglas County area for 2 years after receiving this schooling. Dwayne Waldorf asked how long the scholarship program had been offered in which Todd Powers stated approximately 1 ½ years. The program is for tuition only, not housing.
4. **Alexandria Community Education:** There was not a representative for the school district, therefore, Clerk Rebecca Anderson read the letter stating statistics for users from the

township. The district is set on keeping the levy request for 2023 to remain at the same as 2022 which is \$6,400.

5. **Carlos First Responders:** Colton Steidl stated the levy request for 2023 is \$3,859.50 which is an increase from 2022 of \$3,330. There were 81 medical assists. Bill Krivanek asked why both the ambulance and responders would respond to calls. Teresa Zwieg indicated the responders cannot transport residents to the hospital. There was a question in regard to the unit's condition. Colton stated it would need to be replaced within the next two years.
6. **Senior Center:** Clerk Rebecca Anderson read a letter requesting \$500.00 for the center that reviewed the programs the center provides to seniors.

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

AAEDC: Dwayne Waldorf moved to approve the request for AAEDC in the amount of \$17,250. Carol Weber Brown seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion passed.

Alexandria Community Education: Stephen Henry moved to approve the request for Community Education for the amount of \$6,400. Todd Powers seconded the motion. On a voice vote the motion passed.

Carlos First Responders: Todd Whiting moved to approve the request of \$3,829.50. Dave Lamb seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote.

Senior Center: Dwayne Waldorf moved to approve the request of \$500.00 with Stephen Henry providing the second. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Old Business:

Treasurer Tammy Schwegel presented Treasurer/Clerk's Report for 2021 along with the Three Year Comparison report in regard to expenses incurred by the township. She explained the South Lake Miltona Sewer project funding is not included in township dollars.

Denny Steen asked about the ARP funds received from the federal government. The township had received \$115,675.25 in October of 2021. The same amount will be received in October of 2022 and those funds need to be spent within 3 years. At this time the township board has not decided how those funds will be used. However, the funds could be used to supplement ALASD rebates for new water softener systems to help curb the amount of salt deposited into the system. Another use could be to finance the new fire hall, along with cleaning lake projects.

New Business:

Moderator Hintermeyer asked for motions for Levy requests for 2023.

GENERAL FUND: Dwayne Waldorf moved to keep the General Fund Levy at \$15,000 with Dave Lamb seconding the motion. After discussion the motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Stephen Henry moved to set the levy for Road & Bridge at \$100,000. Ted Steidl seconded the motion. After discussion, the town board would like to recess the annual meeting until August of this year to set this levy for 2023, as the board is not clear on what projects may be presented to the board as far as paving projects. However, the board is reluctant at this time to pave roads due to the high increase in oil. Tim Alsleben asked about adding more gravel to Prairie Road East. Yes, this would be included in the Road and Bridge Levy. Dave Lamb moved to amend the motion to zero (0) dollars and to set the levy to an open amount and recess the annual meeting until August. Todd Powers seconded this motion and it carried on a voice vote. This is the second time the town board has asked to have the annual meeting recessed until August. The annual meeting will be recessed until August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM

DEPOSITORY: Rebecca Andersons moved to continue using First Western Bank of Carlos as the depository for Township funds. Tammy Schwegel seconded the motion and it carried. The residents asked her to research other banks to compare if it is wise to keep all of the funds in one bank.

POSTING PLACES: Rod Meyers moved to keep posting notices at the Carlos Town Hall, Gas Mart, and Herby's, along with notices being posted on the Carlos Township Website; www.carlostownship.org. Stephen Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Rebecca Anderson motioned to continue using the Echo Press as the official newspaper. Stephen Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT TOWNSHIP ELECTION: The next election will be held on November 8, 2022 as the township has gone to November elections in even years.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Mike Maudal moved to hold the next Annual Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of March which is March 14, 2023. Todd Whiting seconded the motion and it carried.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION: Mark Hintermeyer thanked the board for the additional chloride added to Pike Road West, which leads to the township landfill. Rebecca Anderson moved to leave the application to the discretion of the board. Stephen Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: After discussion, the board indicated the Douglas County Township Association had met the week after last year's annual meeting and asked the townships to have a blanket \$4.00 for pocket gophers. Bill Krivanek moved to increase the pocket gopher bounty to \$4.00. Todd Whiting seconded the motion and it carried. There was not motion on the cost of striped as this got missed. Therefore, the bounty on striped gophers will remain at \$0.50.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bill Krivanek who is on the new fire hall advisory committee informed the residents of his meeting with the committee. He informed the committee the township would like to form a Joint Powers with the entities. The city was opposed to this idea. The reasoning

the township would like this agreement is that Carlos Township is funding the fire department over 75% of their operational budget and the city is looking for the township to fund a majority of the funding. As it stands now, the township only has one vote and there may issues down the road as to who owns the building. The township board does not want to run the fire department, however, it feels by providing the majority of funding, the township should have more say.

Mark Hintermeyer moved to instruct the board that before any township funds are spent on the fire hall, it must enter into a joint powers agreement. Steve Henry seconded the motion and it carried.

ADDITIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE ISSUES: There were no issues.

DOG PROBLEMS: No issues to report.

SPRAYING OF WEEDS: The Township will order more spraying this year.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mike Maudal asked if the township had heard of any news in regard to the landfill on Pike Road. The board had not heard of anything new.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Dwayne Waldorf and seconded by Tim Alsleben to recess until August 11, 2022 at 7PM, the motion carried.

Moderator – Mark Hintermeyer

Clerk – Rebecca Anderson