

Hollywood Township Annual Meeting Minutes UNAPPROVED

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 7:30 PM

- 1) Chair Mark Meuffels called meeting to order at 7:30 PM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) The clerk called for nominations from the floor to elect a moderator. Motion by Jeremy Langaki to appoint Mike Bauman as moderator, seconded by Mark Meuffels, MSC.
- 4) Clerk read the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Mark Mueffels made motion to accept,, seconded by Adam Hanson, MSC
- 5) Clerk read the audit report and that the board had reviewed the clerk's and treasurer's ledger and found them to be in order for the 2022 year. Jeremy Langanki made motion to approve the audit report, seconded by Mark Meufeels, MSC
- 6) The agenda was reviewed
- 7) New Business:
  - a. Fire Departments
    - i. Mayer- no report
    - ii. New Germany – Assistant Fire Chief Chris Barlau updated the residents on New Germany's Fire Department. The assessment for Hollywood township has taken quite a jump and he explained that property values have increased and also there was an accounting error from the past. They are working on setting up CPR classes for people, the classes would not be the full course but would help in the event of an emergency. They are looking at updating the doors and also purchasing a generator for the fire department building. They have also just purchased light duty turn outs for fire fighters for grass fires and accidents.
    - iii. Watertown – no report
    - iv. Winsted – Troy Scherping updated the residents on the Winsted Fire Department. They currently have 22 members – 30 would be a full roster.
  - b. Dust Control - Dust Control - The board recommendation for dust control for 2023: One time application is \$.85 per foot, two time application is \$1.45 per foot, 18 feet wide. All checks must be made out to Hollywood Township. Minimum of 250 feet. To order dust control this year, you must show up at the April 10, 2023 or May 8, 2023 township monthly meeting to sign up and pay at that time or mail form with payment to Hollywood Township 15855 County Road 122, Watertown, MN 55388. Form may be found on the township's website. Deadline for dust control is May 15, 2023. The clerk had forms available for residents at the meeting if they wanted one.
  - c. ARP monies – The township received \$58,302.07 in American Rescue Plan money in 2022. The second half was received in June of this year in the amount of \$58,302.08. These monies have been used for:
    - i. Door for building – Total cost \$ 24,817,72
    - ii. Lighting on outside – Total Cost \$1,089.87
    - iii. 30<sup>th</sup> St was graveled and dust coated. – total cost \$27,375.30
    - v. trainings for staff for ARP funds and reports \$223.45

v.i Computer for treasurer. (\$549.99)

These costs were reviewed. Residents were told that the money that was used for 30<sup>th</sup> St. was at a time when a supervisor went to a meeting and was told it could be used for anything. So that was why the action was taken at that time by the board. It was experimentally for the 30<sup>th</sup> St. project. Residents were told that the money cannot be used for something that can be levied for (thus lowering the cost of the levy)

Balance in the account is approximately \$62,500. The board is looking at it to update the doors and windows in the building.

**d.** Recycling – information was available for anyone to use the Mayer recycling center.

Also the county wide clean up days and locations were given. Saturday, May 20 at Cologne public works and September 16 at the County Hollywood township shed.

**e.** Gravel – Gravel discussion was held and questions included what kind of gravel?

Residents were told Class 5, quality of gravel was discussed.

**f.** Tower information was shared with the residents. All tower money income plus fine fees go into the Capital Equipment fund.

**g.** Police contract with City of Mayer – Jim Burns made motion to not pursue this agreement where the township would have 24 hours for the year that a deputy could handle misdemeanors type problem due to issues in the past, seconded by Joe Neaton, MSC. Residents were encouraged to take pics if they are experiencing any type of problems

**h.** Ditch cleaning – Watertown-Mayer FFA, St John's Church and Mayer Lutheran ( this group will take 2 parts of the road pick up) have said they would be willing to do it again this year. Mark made motion to increase the amount paid to the groups who do ditch clean up to \$600 for 11 miles, seconded by Chris Hanson, MSC. The township receives reimbursement for this from the county.

**i.** Hay ground is a rental for every 3 years. This is the third year of 3 years, next year it is available for rent.

**j.** Lawn mowing quotes are due Monday, April 11, 2023 by 6:30 PM. The clerk has the forms available tonight for that.

**k.** Website - residents were reminded to go to the township website for information, agendas and minutes of the meeting.

**l.** Grader – has had new tires put on in 2022. It has 6500 hours. No action taken on grader.

**m.** Plow (\$10,000) Discussion was held on purchasing a plow for the one ton truck. Six quotes have been received. Bob's from Mayer was the lowest. There was a question by a resident – do we need 3 plow trucks? If something happens to one of the plows, it would be good to have an extra one. There is a possibility a new grader will be purchased in two years. Ron Kassulker made a motion to purchase a plow for the one ton truck, taking the money from the Capital Equipment fund, seconded by Chris Hanson, MSC

**n.**

A motion was also made by Ron Kassulker to use the Capital Equipment dollars to be used on the roads, seconded by Chris Hanson, Clerk Henry-Neaton told the residents they cannot use all of that money because it has been levied on taxes for the Capital Equipment fund, they could use some of it that comes from the tower rental and fine fees or change those to be deposited into the Road and Bridge fund. Jim Burns asked the motion to be amended and wait one year to look at the purchase of the grader, seconded by Mark Meuffels, MSC.

- o. Bruce Osborn, Township Maintenance Employee gave his report. He spoke about where the road stabilizer has been used, the roads seem to be better. Bruce was asked who does the maintenance and service on the machinery, he said he does it.

**p. Levy for 2024**

A lengthy discussion was held on the gravel, dust control and roads in the township. It has been a bad winter so the roads are not in very good shape. Larry Kassulker felt the township should purchase up to 10,000 yds of gravel. Dan Vanderlinde said to contact Reinart out of Hutchinson for a quote also.

Steve Burns said the gravel is not holding up, using a class 2 granite would be easier to maintain. The township has been putting on Class 5 gravel for years and it hasn't been a good thing. The problem needs to be fixed and at the present all the township roads are bad. Granite cost would be \$16.65 per ton plus delivery of \$16.50.

Jim Burns said Watertown township spend \$100,000 a year for granite every other year. He suggested there be a committee of people (board members and residents) to review the roads and how they may be fixed and in what order.

Greg Bury made a motion to spend \$85,000 to do the whole township, seconded by Brian Luebke, a question was asked if grading the roads wouldn't be better. It was brought up that the board was looking at using Knife River for some of the road and then using Meeker Sand and Gravel for 1 mile of road to see if there gravel is better.

Larry Kassulker made a motion to purchase 10,000 yds over the next two years. Motion died for lack of second.

Steve Burns suggested that there needs to be a plan over the next 10 years. There is a need to start planning with the money to start the process. Start with 2000 to 3000 yds of granite and how much to spend.

Jim Burns made a motion for the 2024 levy to add a line for Road rebuilding for \$100,000, to appoint a committee to figure out when and where the rebuild should take place, seconded by Dale Hoeft, MSC. Opposed none

Larry Kassulker made a motion to dust coat all the roads in the township, seconded by Dan Vanderlinde, Joe Neaton made a comment stating that he didn't feel doing the whole township was necessary. Jim Burns asked to amend the motion to \$30,000 dust control, Becky Burns seconded, Vicki Hoeft said that wasn't enough. Motion died.

Brian Luebke made motion to amend to dust coat every road in township that has a resident on it for \$100,000, seconded by Dale Hoeft, MSC. Opposed – 1.

Discussion was held on when to grade and when not to grade.

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Mike Bauman spoke about the safety of the roads. Some asked if this was too much at once.

Larry Kassulker made motion to spend \$100,000 on dust control, seconded by Dan Vanderlinde, MSC

Levy for 2024:

<b>Current Levy</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024 (Proposal #1)</b>	<b>2024 (Proposal #2)</b>
General	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000	\$67,000
Road and B	\$ 205,000	\$ 238,500 (4000 yds gravel/culvert)	\$250,000(5000 yds gravel/culvert)
Capital Equipment	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$30,000
Fire Protection	\$ 117,500	\$ 140,000	\$140,000
Total Levy	\$419,500	\$475,500	\$487,000

Proposal #1 13.3 % increase      Proposal #2 16% increase

Final levy numbers for 2024 with increase voted on by residents

General	\$67,000
Road and Bridge	\$450,000 (includes \$100,000 gravel, \$100,000 dust control and culvert)
Additional \$200,000 from both proposals from the board.	
Capital Equipment	\$ 30,000
Fire	<u>\$140,000</u>
Total	\$687,000

Increase of 63.7%

O. Additions –

- a. Carver County Commissioner Tim Lynch left a map and plans for the County Road 20 and Highway 25 intersection project. Completion of this project is anticipated for August of this year. He had handouts for other things that are happening in the county. The 212 corridor between Carver and Cologne, the 212 expansion between Cologne and Young America, the Hwy 40 project in the Belle Plaine area, Highway 41 Bridge Project, Lake Waconia Regional Waterfront Service Center and the Connect up Carver initiative for high speed internet.
- b. Board Supervisor chair Mark Meuffels spoke about an accident that took place on December 25, 2022. A car did not stop at the stop sign and the intersection of Cty Rds 122 and 21 and hit the township plow truck.
- c. Chair Mark Meuffel also discussed the culvert on 42<sup>nd</sup> St needs to be replaced. This cost of \$20,000 was included in the levy for 2024.
- d. It was brought up again that a committee should be set up for the roads. Sooner than later.

P. Next year's Annual Meeting – Jeff Neaton made motion to set next year's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM, seconded by Dale Hoeft. MSC

Mark Meuffels made motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Burns. MSC

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Moderator Mike Bauman

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Clerk Pam Henry- Neaton