

Hollywood Township Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7 PM Hollywood

Township Equipment Shop

- 1) Clerk Henry-Neaton called meeting to order at 7 PM.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Clerk Henry-Neaton called for nominations from the floor to elect a moderator. Steve Burns made motion to have Jim Burns be moderator, seconded by Dean Scherman, MSC.
- 4) Clerk Henry-Neaton read minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. Mark Meuffels made motion to approve, seconded by Jeremy Langanki, MSC
- 5) Clerk Henry-Neaton read minutes from the Special Town meeting held on May 22, 2023. This meeting was held because the total levy was not voted on at the Annual Meeting in March. Mark Meuffels made motion to approve, seconded by Jeremy Langanki, MSC.
- 6) Clerk Henry-Neaton read Audit report. The Township Board has reviewed both the treasurer's books and clerk's books and found them in order. The report will now be sent on to the State Auditor's Office.
- 7) Moderator Burns made note of one addition to the agenda: County Commissioner Lynch's report. Mark Meuffels made motion to approve with the addition, seconded by Dean Bruggemeier, MSC.
- 8) New Business:
 - a. Fire Department reports:
 - i. Mayer no report
 - ii. New Germany – Chief Ryan Goede spoke. He said that calls are up 21% from 2022 in 2023 and most of the increase is in Hollywood Township. He spoke about aging equipment and how funds have been neglected to replace that equipment. The Fire department along with the townships and city of New Germany it serves are working on the issue. He said they had ordered a new tanker in January of 2022 and they are just now picking it up next week. He also spoke about a major purchase of special radios that are being required by the Carver County Sheriff's department. The cost of the radios are \$6000 a piece. He spoke about the Fire Department building that has not been updated in about 35 years. Doors were replaced last year and the plan for this year is redoing the roof and purchase the generator. Chief Goede was asked how many parcels or units in Hollywood are in the New Germany Fire Department district. He said he thought the number was 213 but couldn't be definite with that.
 - iii. Watertown – no report
 - iv. Winsted – Troy Scherping representing Winsted spoke about their membership and that they are currently taking applications. He said they are at 27 members and a full roster is 30. Calls for 2023 were 333. That was a record number of calls. So far in 2024 there have been 51 calls for service. The Fire Department

purchased a 16 foot enclosed trailer to store and haul essential equipment such as ice water rescue and grain bin

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rescue. They are also in the process of buying a new grass rig. They have 4 events planned for 2024.

- b. Dust Control – Dust control will be done on all township roads that have a resident on.
- c. ARP Monies - Monies from this fund was used in 2023 to replace the doors in the shop, replace the windows in the Township Shed and buy street signs for the township.
- d. Recycling- information about the recycling center in Mayer that Hollywood Township residents can utilize was given out on the agenda.
- e. Road Committee report – Mark Meuffels gave report said the township committee was made up of a resident from each section of the township as well as a township board member (himself). The culvert by Top Dog was replaced, we are working on a contract with the county for the 42nd St. culvert and there was a ditch clean out at Upland and 62nd St.. Wagon Ave in 2023 cost \$600 to fix holes this year the cost would be \$800. The plan for this is to have the road ground up at the cost of \$6000 and relay it down in gravel. Sally Ave will get granite on ½ mile of it this year.
Mark Scherman spoke and said 30th St. was in really bad shape, it's hard and has loose spots. Other townships have been out grading and Hollywood Township is not. Mark Meuffels replied that we need moisture. Mark Scherman said we should be grading roads and maintaining the roads.
Mark Sundblad said he felt 30th St. was the best it has been ever this close to spring. He said he felt it 30 to 40 % of it is hard.
- f. Gravel report – for 2023 the township bought 4295.9 yards of gravel at the cost of \$104,489.92. This covered 5.5 miles. Gravel for 2024 will be 800 ton of granite for Sally Ave., and 5500 yards of gravel for Vernon, Yale, Tower, Stone and spots on Tacoma. All this is at the cost of \$148,698.00.
- g. Tower – income from the tower in 2023 was \$29,764.01. This money goes into the Capital Equipment fund.
- h. Ditch cleaning for non profits – 4 areas are cleaned, groups can contact the clerk if they are interested in doing this.
- i. Hay Ground rental for 3 years – Hay ground is up for rental this year (2024) Quotes (bids) for the hay ground may be found on the township website or by contacting the township clerk. Quotes are due by or on April 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm
- j. Lawn mowing quotes are due by or on April 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm. This form can also be found on the website.
- k. Website – Residents may go the website Hollywoodtownship.com to see info about the township.

- l. Board of Equalization – Residents were told about the dates and times for the Open Book Meeting at the Carver County Assessor’s office.
- m. Bruce Osborn – Maintenance report Bruce gave report as follows:
He spoke about the roads that were graveled in 2023.

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Dust coating was purchased by the residents who wanted it.
Road Stabilizer was put on 30th St after graveled it from Zebra Ave to Cty Rd 33. Two centerline culverts were replaced on Vega north of Hwy 7. And a ditch was repaired along Yancy Ave, south of 30th St. Bruce also spoke about the equipment the township has.

There was a question about how wide the disc mower was.

- n. Levy for 2025:
The current levy (2024) and the proposed levy from the board for 2025 was reviewed as follows:

	2024	2025
General	\$ 67,000	\$ 69,000
Road and B	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Capital Equipment	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Fire Protection	<u>\$ 140,000</u>	<u>\$ 155,000</u>
Total Levy	\$ 687,000	\$ 704,000

Jeff Neaton spoke about the cost of the Fire Protection. Currently New Germany is looking at a large increase.

Mark Scherman asked what is in the dust control? He wanted to know if Hollywood Township follows the guidelines? He thinks it is illegal and not being followed. He had information on dust control he shared from the MPCA. He gave the information to Jim Burns the moderator to read. Jim read most of it to the residents. Discussion was held on the dust control and the company that does it, the company that we contract with must know the guidelines to be licensed in it. Mark Scherman made the comment that the township could be sued about it.

Jeremy Langanki – asked about statutory guidelines and felt the info Jim read was about dust control on a specific facility as did Jim.

Mike Donahue spoke and said that the County Roads and the Highway has chemicals on them in the winter.

Steve Burn spoke and said his company is now grading for Camden township. The dust control they have done over the years has saved Camden township money. They now use ¼ to 1/3 of the gravel they used to. It saves money to dust coat and it eliminates most of the grading.

Mark Meuffels said he spoke to a Camden supervisor and was told they are using 30% of the gravel they used 5 years ago.

Mark Sundblad asked how much the dust control cost was a parcel. There was discussion but no hard number given.

Jeremy Langanki made motion to approve the levy presented by the board at \$704,000, seconded by Dean Bruggemeier, verbal vote was taken, all residents present aye except for 1 opposed, MSC.

- o. Election 2024 – the residents were told the following positions are up for in November of 2024.

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- a. Township Supervisor seat A
- b. Township Clerk
- p. Additions:
 - i. County Commissioner Tim Lynch report – Commissioner Lynch dropped off the following information that was shared with the residents and read by Moderator Jim Burns.
 1. Summer of 2024 next phase of Hwy 212 project between the east side of NYA at Hwy 34 to Hwy 36 west side of Cologne. This project will have the two lane highway going to a four lane divided highway.
 2. Funding has been received to construct a round about at Highway 5 and Cty Rd. 11 intersection in Victoria.
 3. Highway 40 in Belle Plaine goes for 4 miles from Highway 25 to Highway 52. (widening of shoulders ,flattening of slopes, fix drainage issues).
 4. Highway 11/14 Round about project
 5. Highway 10/Waconia Parkway North – construction will begin when school ends. Will be adding a round about in the area.
 6. Last year 2023-
 - Hwy 20/Hwy 25 intersection project is complete.
 - Hwy 41 Bridge project completed.
 - Paradise Commons at Lake Waconia Regional Park completed. Carver Link – 2023 was the 10th anniversary of CarverLink.
- q. Jeremy Langanki made motion to set 2025 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7 PM, seconded by Becky Burns. MSC.
- r. Adjourn. Mark Meuffels made motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Langanki, MSC . Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Moderator Jim Burns

Clerk Pam Henry-Neaton