

Minutes of the Annual Township Meeting
held, March 16, 2010 (one week after Township Day)
(audio recording available at Clerk's office)

The meeting was called to order on March 16, 2010. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 but because of inclement weather, the meeting was moved to this date as allowed by the posting and publication of the annual meeting in the Echo Press. The POA was given.

The Clerk called for nominations for Moderator. John Stone was nominated with no other nominations. John Stone took the Chair. The current officers of the Board were introduced. At this time, the agenda was explained and the Clerk asked for the addition of one item to explain a report called year in review.

The Clerk read the rules of the meeting. The Moderator called for the minutes of the previous annual meeting of March 2009. The Board of Canvass of 2009 was then read. A motion was made to accept minutes and canvass board as corrected. (m- Bonnie Huettl, s- Lynn Bushard, v- motion carried)

Garfield Fire Department

John Nienaber, Chief of Garfield FD, introduced himself and explained that both Garfield and Brandon FD train together many times a year. Highlights were:

- purchase of new rescue truck
- lots of car accidents especially at Cty 8 & Cty 40.
- purchased another jaws of life because of new metal in cars
- burning permits now from Forestry Dept. for \$5 online
- 800 MHz radios now a mandate for entire County and will cost about \$75,000.00.

The moderator asked what financial support Moe has provided and will continue to provide. Nienaber explained his report as the Dept. has a new Treasurer. Garfield is asking for \$18,886.00 for 2011.

Brandon Fire Department

Scott Schaefer, Fire Chief, came forward before Garfield finished as he knew more about some issues that effect both Departments. He explained that a FEMA grant for radios has been made. Scott also made comments about burning permits. Small fires which are 4X4 do not require permits. Also, no restrictions when snow is on the ground. Brandon had done flood mitigation in Breckinridge and Fargo. He explained that more members who work in town help the response time when a call comes in. Budget numbers are down this year because of land value and call frequency. Moe has never refused any request and Brandon appreciates this. The Clerk read a letter from Holmes City First Responders from Karen Zwiegl, Treasurer. This letter thanked Moe for their support over the years and hope this continues. It also reported that the

Responders have lost their insurance. They ask for \$1500 this year. Ron Murphy gave kudos to all the departments for what they do. (applause)

Lakes Area Recreation

Elroy Frank gave handouts and gave a report of the organization.

Year in Review by the Clerk

As it was a very interesting year, the Clerk read a list of many firsts for Moe Township. Please find a copy on file at the office of the Clerk.

Financial Report

Pat Botner explained the report with the aid of the Clerk. There were questions concerning the assets of the CLRSD. Also, questioned was the quality of work of the road maintainer, Ron Saathoff. A motion was made to accept the financial report as given. (m- Myron Lofquist, s- Jim Barrett, v- motion carried)

Note: Keith Ramsay arrived late as he was attending another meeting and finished up the report for Holmes City First Responders. (applause)

Official Depository and Newspaper

A motion was made to retain the Bremer Banks and the Echo Press. (m- Lynn Bushard, s- Keith Ramsay, v- motion carried)

Time and Place of 2011 Election and Annual Meeting

A motion was made to hold the annual election of officers and meeting on Township Day, March 8, 2011. Polls should be open from 5 – 8 pm with the annual meeting convening immediately and the Board of Canvass meeting immediately after the annual convenes. (m- Bonnie Huettl, s- Terrie Potzmann, v- motion carried)

Proposed Budget for 2011

The proposal was presented and explained by the Treasurer and the Clerk. The pointed out that this budget contains no money for major road projects. Stone reminded the public that this is only proposed and it is up to the voters to approve or change this budget. There were questions concerning payments to the HC First Responders and remarks about arrearage of same in the past. A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget as presented. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget as given. (m- Jim Barrett, s- Lynn Bushard) Discussion followed. Bonnie Huettl reminds all that there has been no money proposed to start a fund for major road projects. Beth Krafthefer is concerned about not enough money to the Holmes City First Responders. Arlene Bushard asks the Board to review and update the road policy as she feels its way out of date. Gary Kostrecka opposes the proposed budget as he feels when the fund that has been budgeted is gone you shouldn't do any more spending out of that fund. Bruce Strandskov explained how many things come up during the year that weren't part of our plan and we have to make repairs. Rod Johnson

explained our ever increasing liability when it comes to maintaining roads throughout the township. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Dust Control

The Clerk explained the process that has been adopted over the past few years. Discussion followed. Most people present wish to repeat the process again this year, which is treat all of Tall Timbers road out to County Road 8 and then take requests to the Clerk in writing for spot treatment. Hardy Huettl would like to see a cutoff date for these requests. A motion was made to keep the process as the same with the Board determining a cutoff date. (m- Terry Potzmann, s- Lynn Bushard, v- motion carried) Keith McCoy asked about new developments and would like to see the Board require all roads be blacktop. Bruce Strandskov explained the limits of our policies and that the County makes requirements of developers. Dennis Gulbranson asks about developing a website where minutes and notices could be made available. The Clerk explained that Bonnie Huettl and he are setting up for posting these on the Lobster Lake website which already exists. This website also has postings and notices for LaGrand Township also. Discussion followed concerning Bonnie Huettl's involvement in the Lobster Lake Assn. (applause)

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Keith Ramsay, s- Bonnie Huettl, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk
Moe Township

9:50 p.m.