

Moe Township
Annual Meeting, March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order after the polls were declared closed at or about 8:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

At this time, the Clerk called for nominations for Moderator. Jim Barrett nominated John Stone, Hardy Huettl seconded the nomination. Merrill Pedersen moved to cease nominations, seconded by Jim Barrett. A show of hands elected John Stone.

John Stone welcomed all and instructed the audience that this is the meeting for the public and asked for all to speak up and give their name when making motions. The Agenda was considered and approved by motion. (m- Keith Ramsay, s- Lynn Bushard, v- unan.)

The Clerk read the rules of the meeting. The officers were introduced with Bruce Strandskov absent. The minutes were read by the Clerk. Stone recommended that the reading of the minutes be dispensed and asked the voters to take a few minutes and approve them by motion. (m- Merrill Pedersen, s- Arnie Vick, v- unan.) The Clerk read the results of the Board of Canvass for 2010. A motion was made to accept the Board of Canvass. (m- Lynn Bushard, s- Jackie Vick, v- unan.)

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Our Commissioner of District 1, Jerry Johnson, addressed the meeting. He explained that along with Bev Bales, help is needed for families of deployed veterans. This could be financial or any way support could be given. He added that this is not part of government, but strictly volunteer. No lists of families of deployed veterans exist because of privacy issues. Pat Botner added that this was an idea of General Shallot and there have been speakers at the Tech school talking about this program. He also brought greetings from the Board of Commissioners and would be available for questions after the meeting.

Garfield Fire Dept. report

Keith Ramsay representing the Garfield FD gave a report for the year of 2010. They are freezing their budget for this next year. Handouts were available. Out of 74 calls, 23 were in Moe Township. However, the portion for Moe Twp is up a little over last year because of their formula which includes population increases. He went to report that they did use the dry hydrant on Lobster Lake and it worked well. FEMA did approve a grant to pay for 90% of the cost for the new 800 MHz radios. The deadline for the new radios is 2013. Merrill Pedersen asked about welfare of those in the cold fighting a fire. Keith explained that they take care of that. Brian Fuchs from Brandon helped explain the FEMA grant for radios. He gave an inventory of what radios are needed and their cost.

Brian Fuchs from Brandon Fire Department

Deedrie Hubbard introduced herself as a member of the Brandon Fire Department. She gave an update of the status of the Dept and some history of their year. Rick Kukowski is the Chief for 2011. The overall budget is down slightly over last year.

Holmes City First Responders

Keith Ramsay reported that Moe had 12 calls last year. He went to say that they were fortunate to help save a life where the patient had been sent home to die. They were issued certificates of merit for their efforts. He went on to explain that the Townships were instructed to write contracts with First Responder organization where no fire department exists. He presented a contract to the Clerk to be signed at the next monthly meeting. He also explained that they are not eligible for a grant for radios because they aren't connected to a fire department. They are asking for \$2000 for 2011 but not mandatory. John Stone read the contract to the public. The Clerk explained how we were advised not to enter into a contract unless HCFR obtains insurance. A certificate has been received. The Clerk also reported that the public needs to move to enter into a contract with HCFR. A motion was made to sign the contract. (m- Bonnie Huettl, s- Jim Barrett, v- unan.) John Stone suggested that we wait until the proposed budget to discuss the increases by the Departments. (applause for all Dept.)

Lakes Area Recreation

The Clerk gave a brief report as no representative was available. They are asking for \$920.15, which is up a little over last year. He explained how this figure is arrived. This amount is part of the budget.

Financial report

Pat Botner referred to the handout financial report/agenda. She explained the report in detail. Bonnie Huettl asked if there is actually \$74,000.00 in the Blacktop Fund as well as the Equipment Fund. Botner answered yes. She with the help of the Clerk explained the CLRSD debt in great detail so the public can easier understand the income and payments. They both explained the balances and how the Board is slowly getting fund balances in the black. This will not happen in one year and it was explained how the Supervisors can transfer between funds but not the CLRSD and Cherry Point Improvement fund as they were established from special assessments. The Moderator called for a motion to approve the report as given. (m- Lynn Bushard, s- Arnie Vic, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of Official Depository and Newspaper

The Clerk expressed that the Bremer Bank and the Echo Press are satisfactory with the Board and asks for a motion to retain. (m- Keith Ramsay, s- Hardy Huettl, v- unan.)

Date, Time & Place of 2012 election and meeting

John Stone asks if the election could close at 7:00 and then start the annual meeting. The Clerk explained that the polls have to stay open until 8:00 pm and the minimum is three hours, thus 5 to 8pm. March 13, 2012 would be the second Tuesday in March. A motion was made to retain the same time and place the same. (m- Hardy Huettl, s- Merrill Pedersen, v- unan.)

2011 Proposed Budget (payable 2012)

Pat Botner presented the proposed budget. She explained how the Board is more accurate each year on proposing these budgets. Hardy Huettl explained the addition of a line item budget to help pay for major road projects instead of always taking money out of the Road & Bridge Fund. Merrill Pedersen made a motion to accept the proposed budget with an additional \$2000.00 to cover our Fire Levy. Don Swanson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jim Barrett asked if we should increase the budget to help pay for the new radios for the FD Dept. Keith Ramsay thanked him but said that the Dept. have worked this into their budgets. Dennis Gulbranson asked for a "benchmark" as to where Moe stands in the County as far as population to tax levy. Jerry Johnson gave a few statistics concerning a few townships. John Stone suggests we have this information available for future meetings. The question was called and the motion carried.

Dust Control Policy

The explained the past policy. It is the decision of this meeting to set the policy. Hardy Huettl explained what has been applied last year and that it takes approximately 2 gallons per foot. Dennis Gulbranson is worried that not all residents know the policy. The Clerk explained that the requests for dust control are published in the Echo Press. It was established that not all of Tall Timbers received dust control. There were many recommendations on how to notify the residents besides a display ad in the Echo Press. Arlene Bushard commented that a lot of people do not receive the Echo Press. It was explained that the Lobster Lake website contains this notice. A motion was made to repeat the motion of last year with the consideration to make a second application to those areas that have heavy traffic. (m- Arlene Bushard, s- Merrill Pedersen, v- unan.) Rod Johnson adds that if too many requests are given, we might have to go to a cost share on the dust control.

Any other business pertinent to the Township

The following comments were made: Can the blade be dropped lower on Cherry Point when plowing? There is a lot of snow pack in Tall Timbers and can the grader cut this up with the blade. Terrie Potzmann gave kudos to Hardy Huettl who will be going off the Board. Applause followed.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk
Moe Township