

136 Annual Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

Clerk John Carlson called the 136th Annual Meeting of the Otto Township to order at 8:05pm with twelve citizens present including: Dennis Tigges, Dyann Tigges, Paul Klinnert, Conrad Mack, Todd Lorentz, Derek Geiser, Troy Salo, Linda Salo, John Carlson, Eric Bakka, Kevin Dreyer, and Karen Dreyer.

Nominations were made for meeting moderator. Derek Geiser was elected to chair the meeting. Dennis Tigges made motion, Conrad Mack second.

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Motion by Troy Salo and seconded by Todd Lorentz to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Conrad Mack presented the Treasurer's report. Otto Township began 2019 with the following balances:

General Fund	\$21,816.92
Road and Bridge	\$101,642.72
Fire Fund	\$20,077.38
Total in all Funds	\$143,537.02

Fund balances March 12, 2019, were:

General Fund	\$20,391.28
Road and Bridge Fund	\$120,251.73
Fire Fund	\$3,977.65
Total in all funds	\$144,620.66

Paul Klinnert motioned and Kevin Dreyer seconded to file the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Levy

Per recommendation from Treasurer Conrad Mack, Dyann Tigges motioned and Paul Klinnert seconded to leave the levy same for 2020 as the prior year and as follows:

General Fund	\$22,000
Road & Bridge	\$80,000
Fire Fund	\$18,000
Total Levy for 2020	\$120,000

Road Report

Road & Bridge budget for 2018 was set the same as previous year at \$135,500. We spent \$221,615.11 in 2018, therefore came in over budget by \$86,115.11. However, BNSF reimbursed us \$100,000 to pay for the Diamond Road project so therefore we ended up under budget by \$13,884.89. Chemical cost was \$120 less than last year at \$16,877.06, of which some is reimbursed by residents. Fuel/Lube cost was at \$5,951.96 which was about \$200 more than the previous. Repair and Maintenance of equipment was at \$13,891.85 which was about \$8,400 more than previous year. Total cost for the Diamond Road project and infilling of the outlet to Ditch 48 to date was \$94,452.97 and under budget.

Spent \$32,884.68 on gravel and re-building roads which is an increase of about \$300. Winter snow removal costs so far were at \$7,273 and higher than average. Labor for all road work was \$20,860.95.

Published Notices

Paul Klinnert motioned and Dennis Tigges seconded to have the New York Mills Dispatch as the official paper for township notices. Motion carried.

Election and Annual Meeting Hours

Paul Klinnert motioned and Dennis Tigges seconded to keep the election hours from 4-8pm and the annual meeting to start at 8:05pm for 2020. Motion carried.

Other Business

Motion by Dennis Tigges and second by Kevin Dreyer to change the monthly board meeting from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Monday of the month. Motion carried.

Dyann Tigges motion and second by Todd Lorentz to set any Primary Election hours to the latest allowed by law, while keeping the General Election from 7AM-8PM. Motion carried.

Eric Bakka introduced as the new patrol operator taking over for Cameron Wedde.

The reconnecting of East and West Diamond Road along with closing of Railroad Crossing DOT No.062803C update was given. Project is mostly complete with funds coming from BNSF and MNDOT to cover all costs of the project.

Reclaiming of roads should happen this year.

Dennis Tigges motioned and Todd Lorentz second to donate \$100 to Ottertail County Historical Society, \$300 to EOT County Fair, \$300 to HACA, \$300 to North Country Food Bank and \$100 each to Perham Center for the Arts, NYM Regional Cultural Center, and Finn Creek. Motion passed.

Kevin Dreyer motioned to adjourn and Karen Dreyer seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

- **John Carlson, Clerk**



John Carlson 3/10/2020