

ANNUAL MEETING
PARTRIDGE TOWNSHIP
March 14, 2017

The Clerk called the annual meeting to order at 8:10. Those present were Janet Fischer, Jennifer Wieczorek, Laurie Jorgensen, Ron Jorgensen, Ovid Jensen, Lee Johnsen, Larry Johnsen, Gary Stitt, Joey Stitt and Anne Stitt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion made by Larry to have Gary Stitt act as moderator, 2nd by Ovid, Motion carried 10-0.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read, motion by Lee Johnsen to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by Larry Johnsen. Motion carried 10-0.

Election results were as follows: Total of 59 Ballots cast, Supervisor Ovid Jensen received 50 votes, there were 8 blank ballots for Supervisor and 1 write in for Odey Wicklander, Treasurer Laurie Jorgensen received 33 votes and Janet Fischer received 26 votes.

The treasurer's report was read. We had a beginning balance \$151,021.97, receipts totaled \$136,817.14 and disbursements of \$126,815.20 to bring our ending balance of 2016 \$161,023.91. It was noticed that the 3-8-2016 minutes had the incorrect ending balance of \$155,330.52 and it should have been \$151,021.97, with this correction Larry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Ovid made a second and the motion passed 10-0.

Discussion was held about the roads. Road Supervisor Lee Johnsen spoke about the roads, there were several issues with the roads this year with all the water and flooding that we experienced. Ovid Jensen said that the township spent just over \$20,000.00 to repair the roads, we had almost completed graveling roads when this happened. There was several culvert issues and 3 sinkholes that were discovered and needed fill/repair. Clark Road still has some issued by Debbie Petrys by the two ponds, there are culvert issues that still need to be looked at.

Presentation and approval of the levy:

Discussion on the Askov Fire Contract, the fire contract has increased to \$30,336.16, this is the last of the 3 year significant increases due to the new fire formula. Ovid said that our intent had been to raise the levy over the 3 years to try to offset the increase each year, his recommendation was that we increase the levy \$10,000.00 to cover the extra expense. Discussion continued about that, Jennifer Wieczorek made a motion to increase the tax levy by \$10,000.00 allocating those extra funds to the fire fund, Ovid made a second. Motion carried 10-0.

Tax Levy: \$118,000.00
General: \$16000.00
Road & Bridge: \$63000.00
Fire: \$33,000.00
Zoning: \$5,000.00
Building Maintenance: \$1000.00

Business from the floor:

Lee Johnsen said he would to see if there is a way to separate fire and rescue, Ovid said no the state is working on legislation to give townships a say but currently you pay for the services which includes fire and rescue.

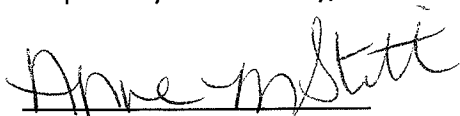
Shawn Jansen had mentioned earlier that she would like the Township to be mindful of when they do their ditch mowing, she wanted to make sure we were not disrupting the Monarch butterflies. As Monarchs feed on the milkweed, she felt if we did the mowing later it would benefit them, she thought the State was going to regulate something, she did not stay for the meeting but asked the clerk to mention this. Ovid said that the 1st 10 feet can be cut whenever currently and we run into an issue where obstructing vision comes in to play and becomes hazardous. Discussion was held to continue the practice of mowing the ditches as we have been.

The next regular Board meeting is Thursday march 16, 2017. The reorganizational meeting is set for Thursday April 6, 2017 at 6:30 at the Askov Community Center. The regular April Board meeting of supervisors will be call to order immediately after the reorganization meeting is adjourned. Public is welcomed to attend.

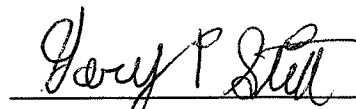
2018 Annual Election and Meeting is Tuesday 3/13/2018 at 8:00 pm following the Election.

Gary Stitt adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Anne M. Stitt
Clerk

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Gary Stitt
Moderator