

**The Hampton Township
Annual Meeting
Minutes
March 12, 2013 8:17 P.M.**

This meeting was called to order by clerk, Jeanne Werner. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was sited. Nominations for the Moderator were open. Leo Nicolai nominated Bill Tix. **Leo made a motion to nominate Bill Tix, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.**

Bill Tix read the remaining agenda for the rest of the meeting. Clerk, Jeanne Werner read the minutes from our 2012 Annual Meeting. **Bill Tix made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.**

The financial report was read by Leo Nicolai. The beginning balance on January 1, 2012 was \$223,295.94. Total receipts for the year was \$394,962.80 and total expenses was \$290,357.88 leaving a balance of \$327,900.86. There was \$45,741.35 in the CD ending in 3783 and the cemetery CD is at \$7000.00 with the interest being deposited in the cemetery savings account which has a balance of \$841.18. The CD ending in #3719 has a balance of \$20,224.54. The township pays for the mowing of the cemetery out of the General Fund. **Bob Leifeld made a motion, seconded by Ray Nicolai to accept the financial report as read. It unanimously passed.**

The Road report was discussed. There will be another 6000 tons of gravel that will be spread on the gravel roads again this year. Bob thinks we will be putting more than listed just for we received money from FEMA from the flooding last year. The quotes for the rock have not be received yet so there is no figures on that. We will get recommendations from Otte Excavating on what roads needing rock the most. Bob mentioned that we are recommending putting chloride on all the newly rocked roads. Chip Callister was present and stated that his road on Inga between 270th to 280th needs rock. Bob Lefield mentioned that it was put off last year but are on the list this year. Chips also stated that he fills that the road needs to be crowned and maybe pull in the sides. Bill suggested to pull in one side each year for it gets pretty muddy if you do both. He also stated that the bridge on Pine Creek that the wood is exposed and it needs gravel. Also, the waterway which needs attention (along Inga). He was wondering if he needed to go to the Dakota County or does the Township take care of that. Bob stated we need to clean ditches and gravel that road this year. Bill suggested that Chip goes to the county and report back to Bob. **Bernie Pistner made a motion to accept the Road Report, seconded by Leo Nicolai and unanimously passed.**

The Board of Supervisors has had their budget and audit meeting. All figures on the clerk's and the treasurer's reports matched. The final reports were present at the meeting for anyone to review. Leo mentioned that there is a possibility that the board will be transferring another \$20,000 into the CD. **Bernie Pistner made a motions**

to accept the board of audit report, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed. Bob Leifeld made a motion to waiver reading of all checks written and received, seconded by Bernie Pistner and unanimously passed.

The levies were discussed and decided that there was no need to change them from the previous year.

The General Fund Levy was set at \$87,000. Bob Leifeld made a motion, seconded by Bernie Pistner to accept the General Fund Levy. It unanimously passed.

The Road and Bridge Levy were set at \$155,000. Bill asked if there was enough levied to do the graveling on the roads that are in need. Chip Callister stated that he would like to see the road maintenance increased. Chip was asking how the Township handles Bridge Repairs. The Township has money set aside with the County and because it's over Pine Creek, the County will be involved. **Bernie Pistner made a motion, seconded by Ray Nicolai to accept the Road and Bridge Levy. It unanimously passed.**

The Fire Fund was set at \$40,000. From the minutes from last year, this amount will be more than adequate to cover the fire protection. Bob stated that the Fire Protection will probably be increasing. Effective April 1st, the township has transferred 6 sections from Cannon Falls to Hampton-Randolph Fire Department for better fire protection classes. The residence asked the clerk to put a notice in the paper so the residence will contact their insurance regarding there fire protection. **Bernie Pistner made a motion, seconded by Leo Nicolai to accept the Fire Fund Levy. It unanimously passed.**

General concerns were open. Bob Leifeld was speaking as a residents and not a board member. He stated that other townships chlorides all there roads. He was suggesting that the Township would pay for 1/2 of the chloride instead of limited them to a certain amount. Currently they are paying 1/2 of 400 feet and the resident pays the remaining amount. Bob feels that the chloride saves the township money for it does not need grading as much. Bill had asked the question regarding chloride on newly graveled roads. Ray asked how many miles of roads does the township have. Leo stated that we paid chloride last year in the amount of \$14,800.00 and the receipts were \$7054.31 including the test strip. Last year, we charged \$90.00 for 400 feet. Bill stated he is not a fan of chloride and he feels the resident should pay the chloride. **Chip made a motion to advise the board to pay for 1/2 of the chloride up to 1000 feet and have the resident pay the rest of the amount requested, seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.** Bill stated that if we do all the roads in the Township, it would be very expensive. Bob stated he wants to do what the residents wants. A residence that lives on 260th from Hwy 56 and Donnelly is in need of rock. It is black dirt.

The Annual Meeting and time was discussed. The meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of March following the closing of the polls. **Bob Leifeld made a motion, seconded by Leo Nicolai and unanimously passed.**

Connie Backstrom reported on the annual election. There were 30 voters. Bernie Pistner had 16 votes and there were 12 write-ins. Bernie Pistner will be the new Supervisor for 3 year term. Leo Nicolai had 27 votes and will be the Treasurer for the next 2 years.

Bob Leifeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ray Nicolai and unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11P.M.

Jeanne Werner
Clerk of Hampton Township

Signature: Jeanne Werner Date: 3/14/13

Bill Tix
Moderator

Signature: William A. Tix Date: 3/14/13