

EDNA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by the clerk, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Terry Marthaler was nominated, by Carol Nelson as the moderator for the meeting. He was unanimously approved.

The proposed agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Clerk's report from the 2016 Annual meeting was available for all to read. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as presented.

The Treasurer's report for 2016 was presented by Karen Marthaler. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as presented.

Terry Marthaler, as the Edna Township representative to Perham Health, gave a brief report of the state of the hospital. It was noted that this is the 5th anniversary of the new building and business is good.

There was no one present to give a report of the Fire Department and Emergency Services. It was noted that the fire contract for 2018 will be the same amount as it was for 2017. It was also noted that the First Responders would be very happy to have more volunteers.

Dennis Sazama gave the road report. He showed the work that was done in 2016, chip seal, new pavement, chloride and explained that the cheaper prices for petroleum meant more work was done in 2016 than originally planned.

Carol Nelson talked about weed control. It is important for township residents to let her know about noxious weeds. Edna Township is planning a couple sprayings this year, particularly for poison ivy around Little McDonald Lake. She also reminded residents that you have the opportunity to request no spraying for your ditches. The no spray form is on the website and must be turned in early. There were questions about spraying chemicals into the water, where there is very little land between the road and the water. The brushing being done was also questioned as it appears that the high level brushing looks more like trees being chewed off, instead of cleaned cut.

Roger Neitzke talked about the LID and the progress of the pipe line. The lake is still 33" above the high water mark. The route of the pipe line had to be changed, they are in the process of acquiring permits for the new route. There will be a meeting/hearing on May 1 for all interested parties. The hope is that bids will be let after this hearing and there will be dirt moving by Fall. It was noted that the proposed route will go past the winter bump on 455th St. There was some discussion of having a joint effort to fix this bump.

The 2017 budget included \$2000.00 for donations. After some discussion, Marcia Wiegandt made a motion to make the same donations as we did for 2016. The motion was seconded by Dennis Anderson and passed by voice vote. The 2016, and now 2017 donations will be:

\$750 to the Perham Area Library

\$312.50 to the East Otter Tail County Agricultural Society (County Fair)

\$312.50 to the History Arts & Cultural Association (ITOW Veterans Museum, HACA Art & Events Gallery, History Museum & Historical Society of East Otter Tail, Perham Pioneer Village)

\$312.50 to the Perham Area Community Center

\$312.50 to the Perham Center for the Arts (former St. Stanislaus Church)

The budget for 2018 was discussed. It was noted that the total amount is decreasing slightly because much of the critical road work is done. The brushing has not been as aggressive as it needs to be, but will be worked on this year. Engineering costs should go down because there are fewer major road projects left. There is still work to be done with the road signs. It was mentioned that this is a continual process.

A motion was made to set the Levy for Ordinary, Fire and Road & Bridge funds as proposed by the Board. The Ordinary levy would be \$30,700, Fire would be \$30,000 and Road and Bridge would be \$339,500 for a total of \$400,200. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. A motion was made to hold the 2018 Annual Meeting at 8:05 pm at the Dent Community Center. The motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

The North Country Trail Association was not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

The Board of Canvas was held immediately after the Annual Meeting.

The Election Results were certified as follows:

There were 24 votes cast, 2 by absentee ballot.

Dennis Sazama received 17 votes. There were 4 write in votes and 3 blank votes for the supervisor position.

Karen Mathaler received 24 votes for the Treasurer position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05