

CASCADE
--- TOWNSHIP ---

2025 75TH ST. NE
Rochester, MN 55906
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Cascade Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020
Cascade Town Hall, Olmsted County, Minnesota

Supervisor Lenny Laures called the meeting to order at 8:15pm. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist welcomed the citizens and introduced the Board members: Supervisors Mike Black, Lenny Laures, and Arlen Heathman. Supervisors Dean Hegrenes and Gary Sieck were absent.

Clerk Rudquist requested a volunteer to moderate the meeting. Mr. Chuck Wallace volunteered.

It was moved by Steve Wilson and seconded by Joe Kocer to approve the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist gave the Board of Audit and Treasurer's Reports. David Lucas moved to approve the reports and Joanne Heathman seconded. The motion passed.

It was moved by Nicole Brueck and seconded by Bruce Walk to set the time of the 2021 Annual Township Meeting beginning at 8:15pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2021, as set by Minnesota Statute 365.51. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran presented the road report according to MN Statute 164.03 Subd.4. He highlighted the township's Parking Ordinance, Snow and Ice Policy, tree trimming and requirements regarding mailboxes, trash cans and the township right of way. Mark reviewed the road work completed in 2019 as recommended by the Board.

Deputy Tracey Pagel presented the public safety report. There was a total of 1,304 calls for the 2019 year. She also introduced newly appointed township deputy, Deputy Dean Thompson. Non-emergency number is 507-328-6800.

Residents presented questions regarding the plan for 65th Street NW. Supervisors addressed the questions, assuring residents that the Board will address the issues and formulate a plan during the upcoming road tour. Supervisor Laures agreed to reach out to the city and discuss a possible agreement regarding paving.

Nicole Brueck, Planning Commission Chair, reported on the 2019 activities. The Planning Commission continues to operate in a "proactive" manner regarding Conditional Use Permit reviews. There was one new CUP application approved in 2019, and eight CUPs were reviewed. The Planning Commission is accepting applications to fill some empty seats.

The Township Board presented updates on the following:

- 1) Permits: building, contact TCPA at 507-529-0774; driveway, contact Mark Cochran at 507-951-3487, fire permits, call 507-288-0908 or consider an online fire permit. Fire dispatch can be reached at 507-285-8963.
- 2) Supervisor Laures updated the status of the Subordinate Service District.
- 3) Supervisor Laures reported that the Board and Planning Commission have been “proactive” in reviewing and updating the township ordinances. The Subdivision Ordinance is recently updated.
- 4) Cascade Township website: www.cascadetownship.us.
- 5) Supervisor Heathman explained the township’s duties regarding the MS4 permit in regards to ditches and ponds.

Supervisor Laures reviewed the proposed budget and levy for 2021. David Kocer moved and Carl Hanson seconded to approve the levy set at \$1,118,688 as presented. The motion passed.

Resident Marilyn Kocer, 5727 65th Street NW, presented a letter to each board member regarding the state of 65th Street NW.

Resident Steve Wilson, 1881 65th Street NE, announced he will be presenting a case to defend freedom and announcing that he will be running for the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Supervisor Heathman commented on a proposed new development at the corner of 18th Ave NW and 75th Street.


The election results were announced. There were 15 ballots cast. Michael Black received 14 votes for seat #3.

It was moved by Nicole Brueck and seconded by Bruce Walk to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

There were 19 citizens and guests registered in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Clerk/Treasurer
Cascade Township


Moderator Chuck Wallace


Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist