

MARCH 11, 2008 ----- THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD IN THE TOWN OF CASCADE, IN THE COUNTY OF OLMSTED AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AT THE CALVARY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH MEETING ROOM AT 8:15 PM. CLERK JOE VROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. THE CLERK INTRODUCED THE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC, SUPERVISOR ARLEN HEATHMAN, SUPERVISOR HAROLD ATKINSON, CHAIRMAN LENNY LAURES, CLERK/TREASURER JOE VROMAN. EVERYONE ROSE TO SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THE CLERK ASKED THE ELECTORS TO CHOOSE A MODERATOR FOR THE EVENING. TERESA WALTERS VOLUNTEERED AND WAS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE TO BE MODERATOR.

TERESA WALTERS THEN CHOSE DIANA CHUTE AND DENISE FRISSORA TO COUNT THE VOTES FROM THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO ELECT ONE SUPERVISOR FOR THREE YEARS AND ONE CLERK/TREASURER FOR TWO YEARS.

THE CLERK READ THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY DAN FRISSORA, SECONDED BY JOHN RUEGG, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

TREASURER JOE VROMAN GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007. BEGINNING BALANCE WAS \$289,531.67 RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TOTALED \$635,270.99, DISBURSEMENTS TOTALED \$627,951.71, FOR AND ENDING CHECKING BALANCE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007 OF \$296,850.95. A MOTION BY TONY KNAUER APPROVES THE TREASURERS REPORT AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY STEVE WILSON, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

THE CLERK REPORTED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVIEWED THE TOWN BOARD OF AUDIT AT THE MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 BOARD MEETING, AND ALL FUNDS WERE FOUND TO BE IN ORDER. THE FORMAL AUDIT REPORT OF TOWN FUNDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY CPA FIRM OF SMITH SCHAFER AT THE JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

THE VOTE TOTALS WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: TOTAL OF 41 VOTES CAST, HAROLD ATKINSON RECEIVED 39 VOTES FOR REELECTION TO A THREE-YEAR TERM AS SUPERVISOR, 2 ADDITIONAL VOTES WERE WRITE INS. JOSEPH VROMAN RECEIVED 38 VOTES FOR REELECTION TO A TWO YEAR TERM AS CLERK/TREASURER, 2 ADDITIONAL VOTES WERE WRITE INS.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH (MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009). THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 PM AND THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL START AT 8:15 PM ON A MOTION BY PAULINE VARLEY, SECONDED BY JOE KOCER, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

MARCH 11, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED:

A MOTION BY DAN FRISSORA TO CONTINUE THE GOPHER BOUNTY FOR 2008 THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT \$1.50 FOR EACH PAIR OF FEET AND TO LIMIT PAYMENT ON THE BOUNTY TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND LAND OWNERS ONLY, SECONDED BY DENISE FRISSORA, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL COE INTRODUCED HERSELF AND GAVE A PRESENTATION ON HER DUTIES OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS AND AS THE TOWNSHIP DEPUTY FOR THE LAST YEAR TO CASCADE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS THE GO TO PERSON FOR CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND IS OPEN TO ATTEND MEETINGS FOR THE NEIGHBOR HOOD WATCH PROGRAMS. SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOLLOWED.

CHAIRMAN LAURES GAVE A PRESENTATION ON FIRE PROTECTION COSTS, AND BURN PERMITS.

CHAIRMAN LAURES AND SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON CAPITOL EQUIPMENT PURCHASING, MOWING TRACTOR TRADE IN AND PURCHASED A NEW TRACTOR MOWER, AND REPLACING THE 1997 FORD PLOW TRUCK.

CHAIRMAN LAURES DISCUSSED BUILDING PERMITS AND THE PROBLEM OF DRIVEWAY HEADWALLS IN THE TOWNSHIP. FOR BURNING PERMITS, CONTACT FIRE WARDEN NEIL FARNHAM AT HIS RESIDENCE, OR CLERK JOE VROMAN.

SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON NUISANCE AND DOG ORDINANCE.

CHAIRMAN LAURES GAVE AN UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SEPTIC AND WATER SYSTEMS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED BY PEOPLES COOPERATIVE SERVICES, WHO ARE WANTING OUT OF THE CONTRACTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN LOSING MONEY.

SUPERVISOR HEATHMAN DISCUSSED STORM WATER, POLLUTION PREVENTION TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND DUMPING. HE ASKED THE CITIZENS TO MONITOR FOR FOREIGN MATERIAL IN DISCHARGE PONDS. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED OF THE CITIZENS IF THEY FELT THAT OUR TOWNSHIP HAD AN ADEQUATE STORM WATER POLLUTION PROGRAM? THE ANSWER WAS YES.

MARCH 11, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED:

THE MODERATOR ASKED THE SUPERVISOR LENNY LAURES TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY TO THE CITIZENS. SUPERVISOR LAURES SHOWED A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ALL ITEMS OF EXPENSES AND REVENUE FOR THE TOWNSHIP. DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOLLOWED. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENTIRE 2009 BUDGET AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY DENNIS HEDIN, SECONDED BY PAULINE VARLEY, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$57,000 FOR GENERAL REVENUE, \$396,801 FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, \$195,980 FOR FIRE PROTECTION, \$25,000 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, \$5,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND \$10,000 TO REBUILD THE RESERVE FUND FOR A PROPOSED TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF \$689,781.

THE DIFFERENCE FROM THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE AND THE PROPOSED LEVY IS A \$51,000 REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM GAS TAX, ANNEXATION PAYMENT, BANK INTEREST, AGGREGATE TAX AND MARKET VALUE CREDITS.

THE 2009 PROPOSED TAX LEVY IS \$638,781, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$33,918 FROM THE 2008 TAX LEVY.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS, NONE

UNDER NEW BUSINESS, A CITIZEN SPOKE UP AS TO THE ROUTE OF THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES PLANNED FOR CASCADE TOWNSHIP. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 10:25 PM TO AUGUST 4, 2008 WITH THE CONDITION OF A MASS MAILING TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS IF ANYTHING IN THE 2009 BUDGET IS CHANGED. MOTION ON THIS BY BURT REIMAN, SECONDED BY TONY KNAUER, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Supervisor Arlen Heathman made a motion to recess the regular meeting of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 and open the reconvened annual meeting at 7:00PM. Seconded by Atkinson, motion passed.

Clerk Joe Vroman opened the reconvened annual meeting from March 11, 2008 that was publically advertised by postcard to all residents. There were three items on the agenda to discuss. The first discussion by Supervisor Heathman was about a new salt shed. The second item for discussion was a new website by Clerk Joe Vroman. The third item discussed was the updated language in the fire contract for 2009, presented by Supervisor Atkinson. There were 11 people in attendance for this discussion. Several questions and answers were exchanged with those in attendance. Motion to adjourn the reconvened annual meeting was made by Maynard Sally, seconded by Brad Breck, motion passed