



CASCADE
--- TOWNSHIP ---

2025 75TH ST. NE
Rochester, MN 55906
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Cascade Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022
Cascade Town Hall, Olmsted County, Minnesota

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

Clerk Rudquist requested a volunteer to moderate the meeting. Mr. Brad Brech volunteered.

It was moved by Joe Kocer and seconded by Nicole Brueck to approve the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist gave the Board of Audit and Treasurer's Reports with an update on the year to 2022 from 2021. Harry Wahl moved to approve the reports and Mike Black seconded. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Patrick McGowan presented the road report according to MN Statute 164.03 Subd.4. He highlighted the township's Snow and Ice Policy, invasive emerald ash borer and requirements regarding trash cans and the township right of way. Pat reviewed the road work completed in 2021 and encouraged residents to contact him when issues arise.

It was moved by Mike Black and seconded by Tim White to set the time of the 2023 Annual Township Meeting beginning at 8:15pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, as set by Minnesota Statute 365.51. The motion passed.

Brad Brech, Planning Commission Chair, reported on the 2021 activities. The Commission updated the Zoning Ordinance, Driveway Ordinance, and the Access Management Ordinance. The township continues to operate in a "proactive" manner regarding ordinance maintenance and review. The Planning Commission continues to operate in a "proactive" manner regarding Conditional Use Permit reviews, completing 5 reviews in 2021. There were no new CUPs in 2021.

Moderator Brad Brech read the following information:

- Permits: building, contact TCPA at 507-529-0774; driveway, contact Pat McGowan at 507-250-6081.
- Fire permits can be obtained on the Minnesota DNR website. Local fire dispatch can be reached at 507-285-8963.

Supervisor Dean Hegrenes updated the status of the Subordinate Service District, giving an overview of the actions taken over the last year.

Deputy Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. He encouraged people to be alert to cyber and phone call scams and to keep personal items and vehicles locked up. Citizen's home security cameras are a big tool for law enforcement. If citizens notice anything out of the ordinary, please contact the police department. Non-emergency number is 507-328-6800. Deputy Thompson's email: thompson.dean@co.olmsted.mn.us

Mrs. Marilyn Kocer asked about the cellular tower CUP. Brad Brech explained that it is located near Menards off of 65th Street NW.

Supervisor Arlen Heathman educated the citizens on the MS4 storm water permit system. If people notice concerns in a road ditch/right-of-way, contact Pat McGowan. Permits are needed for any project on a parcel that requires grading.

Clerk Rudquist encouraged citizens to refer to the township website (www.cascadetownship.us) as a reference.

Supervisor Dean Hegrenes reviewed the proposed budget and levy for 2023. Brad Brech moved and Nicole Brueck seconded to authorize the town board to expend funds for the annual township picnic. Motion carried.

Nicole Brueck moved and Cheryl Adolphson seconded to authorize the town board to expend funds to recognize retirees. Motion carried.

Harry Wahl moved and Tim White seconded to approve the levy set at \$1,222,710.00 as presented. The motion passed.

The election results were announced. There were 31 ballots cast. Arlen Heathman received 29 votes for seat #1. Nicole Brueck received 30 votes for seat #2. Gary Sieck received 29 votes for seat #5.

Arlen Heathman asked for the public's response to an inquiry from the city of Rochester regarding the township's support for the local sales tax extension request. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Lenny Laures and seconded by Tim White to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

There were 12 citizens and guests registered in attendance in addition to the town board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Moderator Brad Brech

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