



CASCADE
--- TOWNSHIP ---

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Rochester, MN 55906
www.cascadetownship.us

Cascade Township Annual Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023
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, Gary Sieck, Brad Brech, and Arlen Heathman. Supervisor Mike Black was absent.

Clerk Rudquist requested a volunteer to moderate the meeting. Mr. Gary Moore volunteered.

It was moved by Gary Sieck and seconded by Joe Kocer to approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Gary Sieck and seconded by David Lucas to approve the minutes from the Special Township Meeting held July 11, 2022. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist gave the Board of Audit and Treasurer's Report for 2022. David Lucas moved to approve the report and Joe Kocer seconded. The motion passed.

It was moved by Brad Brech and seconded by Bruce Walk to set the time of the 2024 Annual Township Meeting for 8:15pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, date set by Minnesota Statute 365.51. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Patrick McGowan presented the road report according to MN Statute 164.03 Subd.4. He reviewed the road work completed in 2022 and encouraged residents to contact him when issues arise. Pat reminded the citizens to place trash cans in their driveway rather than the road and requested that residents respect the township's right-of-way of 33 feet off center by not planting vegetation or placing anything else in the ROW.

Deputy Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. He encouraged people to avoid using their home mailbox for outgoing mail as there have been issues with check theft. 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

Cheryl Adolphson, Planning Commission Chair, reported on the 2022 activities. The Commission held 9 meetings, reviewing 6 CUPs and holding several public hearings. All updated ordinances are on the township website. The Planning Commission continues to operate in a "proactive" manner regarding Conditional Use Permit reviews.

Moderator Gary Moore highlighted 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.

Moderator Gary Moore introduced the members of the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Arlen Heathman educated the citizens on the MS4 storm water permit system. He encouraged citizens to alert the township if they notice plugged culverts, water backing up onto roadways, or unusual erosion in ditches. He reiterated no vegetation, rocks, sprinkler systems or other objects are allowed in the township's right-of-way.

Moderator Gary Moore gave the township website (www.cascadetownship.us) as a reference.

Supervisor Dean Hegrenes reviewed the proposed budget and levy for 2024.

Gary Sieck moved and Marilyn Kocer seconded to authorize the town board to expend funds up to \$1,000 for the annual township picnic. Motion carried.

David Lucas moved and Judy Larson seconded to approve the 2024 levy set at \$1,385,132.00 as presented. The motion passed.

The election results were announced. There were 31 ballots cast. Brad Brech received 31 votes for seat #2. Michael Black received 31 votes for seat #3.

It was moved by Dean Hegrenes and seconded by Bruce Walk to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

There were 14 citizens and guests registered in attendance in addition to the town board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Moderator Gary Moore

Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist