



CASCADE
--- TOWNSHIP ---

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March 10, 2015

2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of Cascade Township, Olmsted County, State of Minnesota, was held at the Cascade Township Hall, 2025 75th St. NE Rochester, MN 55906 on March 10, 2015. 64 Township residents were in attendance.

Clerk Brown called the meeting to order at 8:15 and invited the attendees to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Town Board members were introduced: Chairman Lenny Laures, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Corky Atkinson, and Clerk/Treasurer Michael Brown.

The Clerk requested the electors to select a moderator for the meeting. Ms. Teresa Walters volunteered and was approved by the electorate.

The moderator stated the order of business for the evening as documented in the distributed agenda. The moderator called for any modifications to the agenda. There were none requested.

Mr. Gary Sieck moved to approve the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting as prepared and distributed. Second by Mr. Pete Streit Motion approved.

The Clerk read the report of the annual Board of Audit held February 9, 2015. All funds were found to be in order. The official financial audit of Cascade Township for 2014 will be performed by the accounting firm of Smith Schaeffer and Associates and presented at the June 2015 Town Board meeting.

Treasurer Michael Brown presented the town fund summary for 2014. The beginning balance was \$396,188.45, the total receipts were \$760,345.67 and the total disbursements were \$761,959.82. The ending balance on 12/31/2014 was \$394,574.30. Mr. Pete Streit moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Mr. Gary Sieck. Motion approved.

The next election and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Cascade Town Hall. Mr. Gary Sieck moved to set the time of elections at 5:00PM to 8:00PM with the annual meeting to follow at 8:15 PM. Second by Mr. Chuck Wallace. Motion approved.

Mr. Gary Sieck moved to recommend the town board set the gopher bounty at \$1.50 per pair of feet for township residents only. Second by Ms. Char Brown. Motion approved.

The supervisors of the Cascade Township Board presented updates on the following items:

- Supervisor Laures reviewed the fire protection contract cost. Costs are increasing due to increasing property values. The maximum annual increase is capped at 4%. A new ten year contract to extend the existing terms is in progress. The board is attempting to get the town hall detached from the city of Elgin fire protection district and added to the city of Rochester district.
- Supervisor Laures provided an update on the upcoming capital equipment purchase of a new plow truck. The supervisors noted a desire to add a PA system to the town hall to better accommodate large meetings.
- Deputy Chad Miller introduced himself and provided an update on key crime statistics and activities during the past year. Deputy Miller invites anyone with a concern to call the Sheriff's office immediately.
- The supervisors reminded the assembled audience of the need to obtain building permits through TCPA. Permits to install driveways are also required. Fire permits may be obtained from the fire warden or any town board member. The DNR website may also be used. Everyone is requested to notify local fire dispatch before burning.
- A reminder was given that there is a township dog ordinance requiring dogs to be licensed and on a lead or under the owner's control when off the owner's property. The township does not handle stray dogs. If space is available at the city pound a supervisor may authorize a resident to take a stray dog to the pound. The costs are billed to the township. Dangerous dogs should be brought to the attention of the Sheriff's office immediately.
- Clerk Brown reminded the audience of the township website and invited suggestions to make the site more beneficial.
- Supervisor Laures reviewed the parking and access ordinances and requested the public's help in keeping cars off the street during snowfall periods to allow the plow drivers a chance to clear the snow. Supervisor Laures also noted the requirement to keep trash containers off the road so as to not impede traffic and interfere with snow removal.
- Supervisor Heathman reviewed the township's storm water regulatory requirements and compliance efforts. The residents were asked to help keep the ditches clean.

Supervisor Laures presented the proposed budget for 2016. The major components of each fund were reviewed and discussed. The supervisors addressed questions from the audience regarding the cost of asphalt and the basis used for calculating fire protection costs. Supervisor Heathman noted the authority of the town board supervisors to enter private property for the purpose of weed inspection and the authority of the supervisors to eradicate weeds without being subject to any other law.

Mr. John Frederich moved to approve the budget as presented. Second by Ms. Pauline Varley. Mr. Chris Grenz asked to amend the budget to remove the funding for the road connecting River Highlands to Majestic Meadows as no property owners want the road and have previously stated this to the town board. Discussion ensued about the need for this road and the rationale. Mr. Pete Streit asked how it would be possible to set the budget without knowing the results of the election and the question to add two supervisor positions. Mr. Chuck Wallace suggested reducing the funding for the supervisors as there will not be a linear increase in work necessitating a linear increase in pay. By a hand count, the motion to approve the budget failed with 21 YES and 31 NO. (9:45 PM)

Mr. Chuck Wallace moved to take a five minute recess. Second by Ms. Varley.

The moderator read the results of the annual election:
For the Supervisor: Judy Ohly 191 votes, Lenny Laures 356

For Ballot Question 1 to adopt a 5 member board: 340 YES, 195 NO

For Ballot Question 2 to allow the board of supervisors to appoint the clerk/treasurer: 280 YES, 253 NO

Mr. Chris Grenz moved to reduce the road and bridge budget by \$25,000 as the River Highlands to Majestic Meadows road is not desired by the property owners. Second by Mr. Troy Dickinson. Motion failed on a voice vote. (10:00 PM)

Mr. Tim Molko moved to approve the budget as presented. Second by Mr. Gary Sieck. Motion carried with one NAY vote (Mr. Wallace) (10:04 PM)


Old Business

Mr. Lou Ohly of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners answered an audience question regarding the 55th street extension and property acquisition.

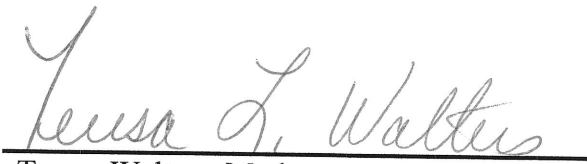
New Business

None

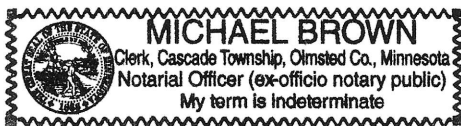
Mr. Pete Streit moved to adjourn the 2015 Cascade Town Annual Meeting. Second by Mr. Gary Sieck. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM March 10, 2015.



Michael Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



Teresa Walters, Moderator



2016 Budget as approved by the electorate.

CASCADE TOWNSHIP BUDGET INFORMATION

	2014 Actual	approved 2015 Budget	proposed 2016 Budget
DATED 2/09/2015 (latest version)			
100 GENERAL FUND			
TOTAL REVENUE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 76,704	\$ 64,150	\$ 79,425
200 ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND			
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 468,714	\$ 462,016	\$ 472,986
300 TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS			
TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 160,712	\$ 155,468	\$ 161,396
320 PUBLIC SAFETY			
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 23,610	\$ 24,320	\$ 25,000
400 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
800 RESERVE FUND			
TOTAL RESERVE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
900 DEBT SERVICE FUND			
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND DISBURS.	\$ 32,220	\$ 32,394	\$ 34,182
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 761,960	\$ 743,348	\$ 777,989

EST REVENUE FOR YEAR

GAS TAX	\$28,291	\$25,000	\$28,000
ANNEXATION PAYMENTS	\$2,965	\$1,800	\$1,800
MARKET VALUE CREDIT	\$1,030	\$900	\$1,000
BANK INTEREST	\$2,216	\$2,000	\$2,200
State Aid	\$127	\$0	\$0
REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES	\$15,906	\$1,000	\$3,000
TOWN HALL FEE & DEPOSIT	\$2,550	\$300	\$1,000
MISC INCOME	\$4	\$300	\$0

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$53,089	\$31,300	\$37,000
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TOTAL EXPENSES FOR YEAR	\$761,960	\$743,348	\$777,989
REVENUE FOR YEAR	\$53,089	\$31,300	\$37,000
LESS FROM RESERVES	\$1,614	\$0	\$0

TAX LEVY FOR YEAR	\$707,256	\$712,048	\$740,989
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	2015	2016
	\$18,438	\$28,941
	2.66%	4.09%