

137 Annual Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

Deputy Clerk Dyanne Tigges called the 137th Annual Meeting of the Otto Township to order at 8:09 pm with eleven citizens present including: Dennis Tigges, Dyann Tigges, Paul Klinnert, Conrad Mack, Todd Lorentz, Derek Geiser, Troy Salo, Dean Shultz, Linda Salo, Eric Bakka, and Karen Dreyer.

Nominations were made for meeting moderator. Derek Geiser was elected to chair the meeting. Derek Geiser made motion, Conrad Mack second.

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion by Troy Salo and seconded by Paul Klinnert to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report was posted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Conrad Mack presented the Treasurer's report. Otto Township began 2020 with the following balances:

General Fund	\$23,561.53
Road and Bridge	\$81,555.94
Fire Fund	\$21,381.10
Total in all Funds	\$126,498.57

Fund balances March 10, 2020, were:

General Fund	\$20,510.13
Road and Bridge Fund	\$120,186.70
Fire Fund	\$17,362.85
Total in all funds	\$158,059.68

Paul Klinnert motioned and Dean Shultz seconded to file the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Levy

Per recommendation from Treasurer Conrad Mack, he motioned and Todd Lorentz seconded to leave the levy same for 2021 as the prior year and as follows:

General Fund	\$22,000
Road & Bridge	\$80,000
Fire Fund	\$18,000
Total Levy for 2021	\$120,000

Road Report

Road & Bridge budget for 2019 was set the same as previous year at \$135,500. We spent \$134,772.73 and therefore came in slightly under. Chemical cost was \$5,590.44 higher than last year at a total of \$22,467.50, of which some is reimbursed by residents. Remainder was increased mileage as selected by the board. Fuel/Lube cost was at \$6,208.42 which was \$256 more than the previous. Repair and Maintenance of equipment was at \$15,411, which was about \$1,500 more than previous year which included more extensive engine work on the Patrol and a new set of tires. We received an additional \$15,000 from MNDOT for the Diamond Road project and should not have

too much more additional costs. Spent \$51,086.57 on gravel and re-building roads which is an increase of \$18,202. Most of the additional costs were 500th Ave raising up as under water and also additional gravel on west side of Diamond Road. Winter snow removal costs so far were at \$8,973 and \$1,700 higher. Labor for all road work was \$16,961 and \$3,900 lower.

Published Notices

Paul Klinnert motioned and Troy Salo seconded to have the New York Mills Dispatch as the official paper for township notices. Motion carried.

Election and Annual Meeting Hours

Paul Klinnert motioned and Dean Shultz seconded to keep the election hours from 4-8pm and the annual meeting to start at 8:05pm for 2020. Motion carried.

Other Business

The reconnecting of East and West Diamond Road along with closing of Railroad Crossing DOT No.062803C update was given. Crossing is now closed but a turnaround might be needed yet. Project was completed within budget from non-taxpayer funds.

Troy spoke about Perham EMS looking into a new facility and its impact to possible increased township costs. Many options are the table so far with no definite decisions.

A new blade for the plow truck was approved to be purchased. Currently obtaining proposals.

Reminder that pushing snow onto roads is illegal. Request to send out reminders to residents.

Troy Salo motioned and Dennis Tigges seconded to donate \$300 to EOT County Fair, \$300 to HACA, and \$100 Each to Perham Center for the Arts, NYM Regional Cultural Center, Ottertail County Historical Society, and Finn Creek. Motion passed.

Karin Dreyer motioned to adjourn and Dennis Tigges seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

- **Dyanne Tigges, Deputy Clerk**

