

141 Annual Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Clerk John Carlson called the 141th Annual Meeting of the Otto Township to order at 8:05 pm with thirteen citizens present including: Dennis & Dyann Tigges, Dean Shultz, Conrad Mack, John Carlson, Troy Salo, Derek Geiser, Jordan Vaughan, BJ & Michelle Layman, Charlie & Chad Schornack, and Eric Bakka.

Nominations were made for meeting moderator. Troy Salo was elected to chair the meeting. Dennis made motion, Jordan second.

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion by Dean and seconded by Derek to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Board of Audit Report was posted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Conrad Mack presented the Treasurer's report. Otto Township began 2023 with the following balances:

General Fund	\$10,827.11
Road and Bridge	\$43,861.01
Fire Fund	\$16,822.26
Total in all Funds	\$71,510.38

Fund balances March 2024, were:

General Fund	\$7,407.98
Road and Bridge Fund	\$16,993.69
Fire Fund	\$15,538.02
Total in all funds	\$39,939.69

Derek motioned and Charlie seconded to file the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Levy

After discussion as per recommendation from Treasurer Conrad Mack, Dennis motioned and Dyann seconded, to set the levy for 2025 as the same overall total but with the following fund totals:

General Fund	\$22,000
Road & Bridge	\$110,000
EMS Fund	\$24,000
Fire Fund	\$24,000
Total Levy for 2025	\$180,000

Road Report

Road & Bridge budget for 2024 was set similar to 2023 due to the repayment of the Grader still ongoing. Gavel cost was \$22,729.90 and Dust Control Chemical was \$17,791.85, both down significantly. Ditch mowing cost went up due to Nick Rohr retiring. General labor, maintenance, and fuel total costs all increased. A full report on 2023 costs was detailed in the Treasurer's report.

Published Notices

Derek motioned, and Dyann seconded to have the New York Mills Dispatch as the official paper for township notices. Motion carried.

Election and Annual Meeting Hours

Derek motioned and Jordan seconded to keep the election hours from 4-8pm and the annual meeting to start at 8:05pm for 2025. Motion carried.

Other Business

Dyann motioned and Jordan second 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.

Oak Point dead end and right of way for a proper turnaround was discussed as an upcoming agenda item. Currently there is nothing official.

Perham EMS has projected losses and is running out of cash so for Otto Township the anticipated payment we are due is \$23,995 for 2024. This was added onto the levy for 2025 to create a special fund, but the request from the Joint Powers Board came in after the annual meeting in 2023, so funds were not levied this year, creating a hardship. General discussion on opting out of the joint powers board followed.

Over 20 signs in the area have been stolen this year. Replacement ongoing.

Dean motioned to adjourn and Derek seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

The Board of ^{CANVAS} ~~Audit~~ met following the meeting and certified the election results.

- **John Carlson, Clerk**

Meeting Moderator

Clerk

Notary Seal

