

## MCDAVITT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 14th, 2017

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL

Clerk Rebecca Lamb called the Annual Meeting to order.

Residents were welcomed

Joe Fredrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Fisher was elected as Moderator.

Minutes of the March 8th, 2016, Annual Meeting was reviewed. Gail Lanyk moved to approve the minutes seconded by Neil Anderson. The motion carried.

Treasurer Joan Maki read the Financial Report for 2016. Total Cash Receipts were \$187,748.46. Total Disbursements were \$220,486.66. Total of investment fund was \$618,000.00. The total balance of all funds is \$674,147.08. Joe Fredrickson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jerome Maruska. The motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORTS:

1. Gail Lanyk reported on the activities of the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Department. There were 33 Fire Runs and 27 EMS Runs. Sadly, the Township lost 7 residents this year.
2. Kevin Kalio read the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Departments 2016 Financial Statement. Income - \$59,562.95 - Expenses - \$50,849.72 - Checkbook balance as of 12-31-16 - \$8,713.23. Scholarship Balance: \$17,595.29.
3. Denise Allen read the 2016 McDavitt Firemen's Relief Association Financial Report. Special Fund Savings Pass Book-\$14,394.37, and Minnesota State Board of Investment - \$167,810.02. This leaves a Special Fund Total of \$182,204.39. General Fund Checking Account- \$464.93.
4. Forbes Cemetery Report – no report.
5. Senior Citizen Report- no report.
6. Zim Cemetery Report- No report.
7. McDavitt Town Board Reports: Joe Fredrickson reported on the Parks and Rec: This was a hard year due to weather. Ski trails were so wet all summer that brushing didn't start till very late in the summer. High winds dropped a few trees across the trails. The Birch trail and the Zim loop

were opened. The River trail will be worked on this year. The Township was blessed with a great group of individuals to work again this year. There will be some turnover this year with the youth employees but hopefully the main mower operator is planning on staying. Please be sure to thank these employees when you see them as it really makes a difference when they know people notice their hard work. We switched things this year and added a partner for rink attendants for safety purposes. There are a lot of out of towners using the facilities since ours are so well kept. There were many birthday parties and get togethers this year at the hockey rink. All of them seemed to go very well. It takes a lot of resources and hours to keep our Township facilities looking good and running smoothly. We will continue to work on the ski trails and touching up on all the painting. The mowing and raking are an on- going project. We possibly will be building a new concession stand at the ball park, which will be discussed tonight. Since I was elected three years ago, we have spent more than we would normally spend. This is only because we relaxed and let some of our rec areas fall to a bit of disrepair. In a few years, I believe they will all be up to date and ready for the next 30 years to be enjoyed by all of the local people. Jim Fisher reported on the Hall: The new projector was installed. We are still waiting on the WIFI equipment from BroadBand. The new Township website is up and running and could use some more pictures. The new Township sign is up and looks great. It will need the fabric replaced this spring due to cracking. The new furnace had a fire due to a faulty pressure valve. The new furnace is coming. The Hall received a paint job this year. The tiles in the entry way were replaced due to a water leak. Dennis Zinter reported on the Roads. The spring weather was so wet that doing work on the roads was hit and miss. Zinter met with the grader operator and Bill Denzel to go over graveling the roads. 64 loads of gravel were put on Township roads this year. We are starting a more aggressive brushing project this year to get the roads cleaned up, St Louis County sent a letter saying that if the road ways were not cleared they would not be able to snow plow due to hanging limbs and brush crowding the roads. They had some damage done to plow truck lights. A culvert was replaced on Etter Lane. Brushing has been on going. July 20<sup>th</sup> brought storms that brought trees down on Riverside Lane and Timber Lane. Dan Ziebart was contacted to mow the Township Roadsides again this year. On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the final brushing for the year on Township roads was completed. A lot of brush was cut and chipped and hauled off. The roads should be good for snow plowing and grading for several years. A contractor that was working on Stone Lake Road for the Wetlands land deal with the County was found to have been taking gravel from the Township pile. An estimate of the amount that was taken will be replaced by the contractor, Ullands will haul 90 yards back to the Township pile. Should receive the gravel this coming spring. We will continue to follow up on this to make sure it gets replaced. The Township grader is failing, it has needed constant repair. The parts are getting hard to find. The Grader is 60 years old. Joe Fredrickson has been working with United Taconite to get a used grader. This one needs some work but with proper repairs it should last many years. United Taconite is willing to donate this grader to the Township so the only cost will be what it needs in repairs. This coming year gravel will be applied to Timber Lane as there is nothing left to the gravel on the road for grading, also some gravel will be put on Millie Lane. Any brushing that was missed last year will be taken care of this summer.

Neil Anderson moved to approve the Annual Reports, seconded by Jerome Maruska. The Motion Carried.

Treasurer Maki read the proposed 2017 budget. Projected income for all funds \$162,500.00. Proposed disbursements: Fire Fund- \$37,500.00 Road and Bridge- \$35,000.00 General Fund- \$112,00. Total for all funds \$184,500.00. Joe Fredrickson moved to change the Road Fund by \$5000.00 for Grader repairs. This will change the Road Fund to \$40,000.00 and the total for all funds to \$189,500.00. Eldon Etter requested \$500.00 for the Zim Cemetery Association for up keep. This will not affect the budget as there is enough in the general fund to cover this expense. Doug McClellan presented an estimate on the proposed concession stand for the Ball Field. The estimate was for \$117,900.00 which may be lowered by making some changes to the plans. This will be an expensive project and 3 bids will be required. Neil Anderson asked about the Cherry School helping to pay for this as this is the field used by the girl's softball team. Doug reported that the School would be willing to pay rent for the use of the field. Jim Fisher said the Township should be eligible for grant money. Shirley Briski moved to go ahead with getting bids for the concession stand at the Ball field. Seconded by Greg Kick. The motion carried. Joe Fredrickson moved to approve the Town Budget. Seconded by Neil Anderson. The Motion Carried.

2016 Levies; General & Fire- \$10,000. Road Levy - \$16,035.00 Neil Anderson moved to keep the levies the same for 2017, \$16,035.00 for Roads and Bridge and \$10,000.00 for Fire & General Government, Seconded by George Godfrey. The motion carried.

Depositories for Town Funds are: Miner's National Bank for Checking Account & purchases of Treasury Notes and Frandsen Bank for Savings Account. (Leaving it up to the discretion of the Board to look for better interest rates.) Gail Lanyk moved to keep the banking institutions the same or at the discretion of the Board. Seconded by Doug McClellan. The motion carried.

Rebecca Lamb started a discussion on using the Home Town Focus for Township publishing, Mesabi Daily News being the current paper used. Home Town Focus is almost half the price as that of Mesabi Daily News. The Focus is also a free paper that can be picked up in most grocery and convenience stores in the area. Michelle Fagre moved to use the Home Town Focus as the paper for Township publishing with the McDavitt Town Hall bulletin board for postings. Seconded by Doug McClellan. The motion carried.

**UPGRADING TOWNSHIP SERVICES:** Discussed in Reports.

Polling hours are currently Noon – 8pm for Township Elections and 7am-8pm for all others. The next Annual Meeting will be March 13, 2018. Doug McClellan moved to change the Township Election polling hours to 3 pm- 8 pm and to keep all others the same and to hold the next Annual Meeting on March 13th, 2018. Seconded by George Godfrey. The motion carried.

Business meeting not before 8pm by law.

Jim Fisher reported the election results. A total of 39 votes were cast. For Supervisor: Joe Fredrickson received 36 votes; Rory Kick 2 votes; 1 Blank For Treasurer: Michelle Fagre received 37 votes, 2 Blank votes.

Neil Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gail Lanyk. The motion carried. 9:22 PM.

Refreshments were served.

The Board of Canvas met immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Minutes recorded by Rebecca Lamb, Clerk

These minutes are subject to additions corrections at the 2018 Annual Meeting.