

## MCDAVITT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 12th, 2019

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL

Clerk Rebecca Lamb called the Annual Meeting to order.

Residents were welcomed

Jim Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Fisher was elected as Moderator.

Minutes of the March 13th, 2018, Annual Meeting was reviewed. Stanley Sokoloski moved to approve the minutes seconded by Joe Fredrickson. The motion carried.

Treasurer Michele Fagre read the Financial Report for 2018. Total Cash Receipts were \$163,107.61. Total Disbursements were \$182,949.10. Total of investment fund was \$502,000.00 The total balance of all funds is \$629,541.76. Doug McClellan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Joe Fredrickson. The motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORTS:

1. Nick Kalio reported on the activities of the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Department. There were 7 Fire Runs 3 mutual aid and 17 EMS Runs 2 mutual aid. Sadly, the Township lost 2 past Fire Chiefs this year, Larry Olds and Neil Anderson. Nick reported that the Fire Department currently has 10 fire fighters 4 of which began in the last 3 years. The Fire Department has 3 new prospects and are always looking for new recruits.
2. Kevin Kalio read the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Departments 2018 Financial Statement. Income - \$71,626.30 - Expenses -\$48,819.84 - Checkbook balance as of 12-31-17 - \$27,806.46. Scholarship Balance: \$17,755.82.
3. Denise Allan read the 2018 McDavitt Firemen's Relief Association Financial Report. Special Fund Savings Pass Book-\$4,685.39, and Minnesota State Board of Investment - \$204,743.81. This leaves a Special Fund Total of \$209,429.20. General Fund Checking Account- \$517.93.
4. Forbes Cemetery Report – no report.
5. Senior Citizen Report- no report.
6. Zim Cemetery Report- Jim Fisher reported that the Zim Cemetery is in the process of setting up a

new Cemetery Board.

7. McDavitt Town Board Reports: Joe Fredrickson reported on the Parks and Rec: This year there wasn't a lot of preventative maintenance done. Most areas were still in fair shape and with the budget cuts there just wasn't extra money available. The 2018 Park and Rec budget was cut by \$5,000.00 for a total budget of \$20,000.00 for the year. I am very proud to say that we met that challenge and spent only \$18,052.72. This is something to be proud of, but it does come with the fact that we are not updating some of the facilities that are in need of large repairs. Some of the cuts were made in mowing, raking, and beach maintenance at Stone Lake. Stone Lake Area was only mowed 3 times last season. Just so you are aware the current Board has been pushing me to stop maintaining that area completely. The Township actually does not own that area. We have just been maintaining it for 50 years. There is also a push to cut back on mowing the cemeteries. For this upcoming season I will not be taking the cemeteries as part of my duties and the cemetery Boards will need to deal with another supervisor. If I am still the Park and Rec Supervisor for the 2019 season, I will be dedicating the available funds to the softball fields and repairs to the hockey rink area. The side boards of the main and little rink are in very poor condition. I will attempt to do the replacement of these sections. I am hoping to do one wall on the little rink and a quarter of the big rink this year. I will go for the worst spots first and do that same amount every year for the next 4 years. The rinks will then be ready for the next 20 years. I have received the estimate for the roof repairs which is going to be roughly \$10,500.00 for the new steel roof. The fireplace inside the warming shack still has not been repaired and the estimate on it was \$7,000.00. We have been using the gas furnace and the outdoor wood stove. Jim is working with the IRRRB on getting these repaired. I still plan on having a handful of the outside light fixtures switched over to LED. The ski trails were maintained on a by weekly basis this winter and no work will be done to them this summer. We will need a few new sections of the temporary fencing that we put up for the softball season. This should not be very costly. The fields also will need the baseball field aggregate added to them this year or next. This is an expensive specialty dirt that is purchased from a place in the Twin Cities. When money is available, I would like to get a well at the fields. This would be for wetting down the infield for games and also for watering the grass in late summer. Jim and Dennis used to use the fire trucks. My plan for Stone Lake this year will be to have the dock in and only have it mowed when it really needs it. I do not have a mower operator for this season yet. Jim stated that the Stone Lake area is part of Ellsburg Township and he is not sure why McDavitt started taking care of it. Jim Fisher reported on the Hall: There have been some problems with the furnace this year and repairs were made. The propane tanks were separated for the Community building and the fire hall, but had to be reconnected due to low pressure. The Hall is being well used. Dennis Zinter reported on the Roads. This spring has been quite different than previous years due to the frost boils on the roads. They have never been this bad. Bill Denzel and I went out on the roads to see what gravel would be needed, I thought we would not gravel as heavy as past years, but with the winter rain and what happened with out roads that probably won't happen. We need to get our gravel out of the Admiral road pit as with it being out in the open some of our material has been taken. We have entered into a contract with St. Louis County to get more gravel stockpiled at the Norway Road pit this summer which will be better for us as that pit is secured for hauling out of. On June 27<sup>th</sup> Bill finished hauling gravel on the township roads as was specified during our inspection of the roads, 6 loads on Mobraten Drive, 9 loads on Timber Lane, 4 loads each on Zupetz Drive and Riverside Lane, 2 loads each on Clover Lane, Park Drive and Korpi Lane, 1 load each on Etter Lane, Greenfield Drive S. and Elderberry Lane for a total of 32 loads. A completion certificate required by Minn. Stat 160.17 subd. 3 will be filed with the

Town Clerk for the town road work contract. July 5<sup>th</sup> Calcium Chloride was applied to township roads that have some dust problems during summer months. Mowing tall grass on our roads will begin around the middle of July and should be completed by the end of the month. A report has been filed with the County pertaining to invasive weeds that could be growing along Township roads. Mowing has been completed for the year. The gravel has been crushed in Norway Ridge Pit and an invoice has been received on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for the amount of 5000 yards priced out at \$9,368.80. This should last us several years for road work. I am waiting for a key from the County pit as our old lock was cut off by the County and a new lock was installed. I have been in touch with the county and they assured me that a new key would be given to us for the entrance. With all the snow this year hoping not too much water so our roads won't have washouts and flooding.

Joe Fredrickson moved to approve the Annual Reports, seconded by Stanley Sokoloski. The Motion Carried.

Treasurer Fagre read the proposed 2019 budget. Projected income for all funds \$132,500. Proposed disbursements: Fire Fund- \$37,500.00 Road and Bridge- \$40,000.00 General Fund- \$110,500.00 Total for all funds \$188,000.00. Doug McClellan moved to approve the Town Budget. Seconded by Stanley Sokoloski. The Motion Carried.

2019 Levies; General & Fire- \$10,000. Road Levy - \$16,035.00 Joe Fredrickson moved to keep the levies the same for 2020, \$16,035.00 for Roads and Bridge and \$10,000.00 for Fire & General Government, Seconded by Rebecca Lamb. 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.) Joe Fredrickson moved to keep the banking institutions the same or at the discretion of the Board. Seconded by Dennis Zinter. The motion carried.

Doug McClellan moved to keep Home Town Focus as the paper for Township publishing with the McDavitt Town Hall bulletin board for postings. Seconded by Denise Allan. The motion carried.

UPGRADING TOWNSHIP SERVICES: Discussed in Reports.

Polling hours are currently 3pm – 8pm for Township Elections and 7am-8pm for all others. The next Annual Meeting will be March 10th, 2020. Denise Allan moved to keep the Township Election polling hours the same and to hold the next Annual Meeting on March 10th, 2020. Seconded by Rebecca Lamb. The motion carried.

Business meeting not before 8pm by law. Motion made by Rebecca Lamb that no meeting will begin before the Annual Election has concluded. Seconded by Joe Fredrickson

Jim Fisher reported the election results. A total of 18 votes were cast. For Supervisor: Jim Fisher

received 17 votes Bob Briski received 1 vote; For Treasurer: Michele Fagre received 18 votes.

Clerk Lamb announced this would be her last year as Township Clerk. If anyone is interested in running or has questions about the Clerk Position please call the Clerk.

Doug McClellan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley Sokoloski. The motion carried.  
8:40 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 2019 Annual Meeting.