

## MCDAVITT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 10th, 2020

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL

Clerk Rebecca Lamb called the Annual Meeting to order.

Residents were welcomed

Rebecca Lamb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Fredrickson nominated Jim Fisher as Moderator for the meeting. Seconded by Doug McClellan. Carried.

Jim welcomed everyone and gave a little history on the Stone Lake Area. Originally June Hancock's Dad owned the land. (June was a long time Clerk for the Township). The land was thought to be unorganized. The residents of the area got together and put the road in. There were picnics held there every 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There was also a golf course made and kept up by the citizens. Jim's Dad owned a cabin there and Jim has many fond memories of the area.

Minutes of the March 12th, 2019, Annual Meeting was reviewed. Joe Fredrickson moved to approve the minutes seconded by Doug McClellan. The motion carried.

Treasurer Michele Fredrickson read the Financial Report for 2019. Total Cash Receipts were \$171,507.30. Total Disbursements were \$195,330.00. Total of investment fund was \$504,000.00 The total balance of all funds is \$605,718.76. Joe Fredrickson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rebecca Lamb. The motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORTS:

1. Nick Kalio reported on the activities of the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Department. There were 3 mutual aid fire calls, 6 structure Fire calls, 1 automotive fire call, 4 wildland calls, and 14 EMS calls. Nick reported that the Fire Department currently has 13 fire fighters 3 of which are in training. The Fire Department is always looking for new recruits.
2. Kevin Kalio read the McDavitt Volunteer Fire Departments 2019 Financial Statement. Income - \$82,463.65 - Expenses -\$61,725.97 - Checkbook balance as of 12-31-19 - \$20,737.68.

Scholarship Balance: \$19,359.28.

3. Stan Sokoloski read the 2019 McDavitt Firemen's Relief Association Financial Report. Special Fund Savings Pass Book-\$10,911.49, and Minnesota State Board of Investment - \$252,078.02. This leaves a Special Fund Total of \$262,989.51. General Fund Checking Account- \$569.93.
4. Forbes Cemetery Report – no report.
5. Senior Citizen Report- no report.
6. Zim Cemetery Report was presented by the President Fawnie Udovich. The Zim Cemetery Boards first official meeting was May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. On May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> the Cemeteries were cleaned by the Board Members and volunteers. A bank account and an EIN number were acquired. Fawnie thanked the Board members for the donation that was given to help them get started. On October 17<sup>th</sup> the Cemetery Board received their by-laws and became the Zim Cemetery Association. January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Liability Insurance was purchased and they now belong to the MN Association of Cemeteries. The sexton is in the process of making new maps of the cemetery and hope to have this done by years end. The other Board Members are Bobbie Bukovich – Vice President, Carol Luckas – Secretary, Pam Kick – Treasurer, Frank Starky – Sexton, Greg Kick, Diane Olds, Doug McClellan, and Kenneth Luckas are Trustees. Fawnie thanked the entire Cemetery Board for their hard work. Jim Fisher stated what a great job the Cemetery Board has done.
7. McDavitt Town Board Reports: Joe Fredrickson reported on the Parks and Rec: The Township had one mower operator last year to take care of all the Township properties. We had a very good year at the Ball field. There was a lot of use by the Cherry Girls Softball Team, Cherry Boys Alumni players and also the local community. The Cemeteries were not maintained by the Park and Rec this year. Stone Lake area was only maintained at a minimum level. A large portion of the Ski trails were mowed and brush hogged last Fall. More needs to be done when things dry up so we can have access to them. There are a lot of horseback riders that make use of the trails in the summer months. Doug McClellan patched the boards on both the rinks in the Fall so they would make it thru the winter. The Boy Scouts had a large function this past fall at the facilities. They had an obstacle course, outdoor training, and overnight camping at the rink. Over half of the rink and sliding hill lights were replaced by Lanyk Electric last summer. It was a great improvement. The Ski Trails were groomed quite a lot this past winter. There was a lot of snow! The biggest issue has been keeping trucks and snowmobiles off the trails. There have been some inquiries about using fat bikes on the trails. Joe will be meeting with Bret Alexander this Spring to see what can be done to get set up for these types of bikes. The Fireplace was replaced at the rink this winter at a cost of \$10,000.00 work was done by Trinity Masonry. Stop in and take a look. The warming shack at the rink will be getting a new steel roof this spring. Chase Cooper will be doing the job. Doug McClellan will be replacing one side of the hockey rink and doing repairs on the small rink as well. Hoping for a dry year so we can finish the ski trails.

Supervisor Zinter was absent but sent his road report to Jim Fisher via e-mail. April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Bill Denzel and Dennis toured the roads to inspect for gravel application this year. By the middle of May the gravel had been applied and roads were inspected May 25<sup>th</sup>. The road completion certificate was given to the Township Clerk as required by Minn. Stat. 260.17. 71 loads of gravel were applied to Township roads. Chloride was applied to roads where dust protection is needed. The 2019 Noxious Weed Control Form will be filled out and sent to the SLC Agriculture

Inspector. Ditching was done to some areas on Mabraten Drive, 2 culverts will be replaced this coming year. This year the County mandated new signs on highway 7 as the existing ones didn't match their color or size. The new signs were ordered and replaced by the County workers over the Summer. The grader needed some repair to keep it in operation this year, with the age of it hopefully we can keep it going a few more years.

Jim Fisher reported on the Hall, Jim will be replacing lights with LED lighting. This will replace the need for ballasts and improve the lighting. Doug McClellan mentioned that Lake Country Power offers rebates for this. The Hall furnace will need a new line to the propane tank. A contractor was found to remove the ice and snow from the roof.

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

Treasurer Fredrickson read the proposed 2020 budget. Projected income for all funds \$132,500. Proposed disbursements: Fire Fund- \$37,500.00 Road and Bridge- \$40,000.00 General Fund- \$115,000.00 Total for all funds \$192,500.00. Nick Kalio brought up the need for a newer pumper truck to bring the Fire Department in compliance with the new laws and regulations. A used truck will cost \$95,000. - \$135,000.00. The citizens agreed that the Fire Department should have funds for the truck. This will change the budget for the Fire Fund to \$165,000.00. Joe Fredrickson stated that the Rec will need an additional \$15,000.00 for up-coming repairs and the Zim Cemetery has requested that the Board continue to pay for the mowing and give a donation for additional items that are needed for the Cemetery. This will change the General Fund Budget to \$135,000.00. Total of all funds for the 2020 Budget: \$340,000.00 Rebecca Lamb moved to approve the Town Budget. Seconded by Doug McClellan. The Motion Carried.

2020 Levies; General & Fire- \$10,000. Road Levy - \$16,035.00 Jim Fisher explained how the Taconite Production Tax that the Township receives will be going down. Mines may close and that will affect the Townships receipts. The price of everything is going up. The Township Levy has not changed in decades. Jim proposed a 20% percent increase in the Township levy. This was discussed. Jim Fisher moved to increase the levy by 20%. Seconded by Doug McClellan. 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.) Stanley Sokoloski moved to keep the banking institutions the same or at the discretion of the Board. Seconded by Nick Kalio. The motion carried.

Jim Fisher moved to keep Home Town Focus as the paper for Township publishing with the McDavitt Town Hall bulletin board for postings. Will look into face book for posting too. Seconded by Joe Fredrickson. 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 9th, 2021. Debra Frazier moved to keep the Township Election polling hours the same and to hold the next Annual Meeting on March 9th, 2021. Seconded by Stanley Sokoloski. 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. Motion carried

Jim Fisher reported the election results. A total of 19 votes were cast. For Supervisor: Joe Fredrickson received 19 votes; For Clerk: Sarah Meittunen received 19 votes.

Stanley Sokoloski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nick Kalio. The motion carried. 9:23 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 2021 Annual Meeting.