

The Southside Township annual meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 by Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. The following people were present: Jim Hallstrom, Oscar Laney, Dana Kjaer, Kris Townsend & Matthew Wuollet, Annandale Fire Dept, Zane Schaefer, Jeremy Kaskinen, David Burd & Tim Hable.

Clerk Merrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Hallstrom made a motion to appoint David Burd as moderator with a second by Jeremy Kaskinen. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Jim Hallstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2107 annual meeting with a second by Zane Schaefer. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill presented the treasurers report for 2017. Total cash on hand at 2017-year end was \$885,858. This is \$100,000 over the 2016 end of year funds. The additional funds came from a savings of approximately \$50,000 in snow removal and the \$50,000 that is set aside each year for road projects. The general fund disbursement was \$643 over receipts for 2017. The fire fund receipts were \$8 over budget for the year. The road and bridge fund was \$102,333 excess receipts under disbursements which is the \$50,000 in street projects and \$40,074 savings in snow removal. The township has a plan for paving of a road in 2018 which will use the excess funds so the project is paid in full without assessing residents. Zane Schaefer made a motion to approve the treasurers report with a second by Dana Kjaer.

Matt Woulet and Kris Townsend were present as representatives of the Annandale Fire Department. There are currently 24 members. All equipment and building are in great shape. Total calls for 2017 were 219. Calls to Southside Township were 35. Breakdown of calls is as follows: False calls – 3; 8 – good intent; 5 – fire; 18 – rescue; and 1-service. They are requesting \$44,712 for 2019 fire contract which is \$72/unit (622 units).

Oscar Laney and Dana Kjaer were present as representatives of South Haven Fire Department. They currently have 26 members. The budget includes \$10,000 that is set aside for the next truck purchase. Total calls for the year were 149 with 35 in Southside Township. They are requesting \$47,863 or \$76/unit (633 units).

Clerk/Treasurer Merrill presented the 2019 budget and levy request. The levy of \$101,524 for the general fund and \$305,250 for the road and bridge fund is a 2% increase over 2018 levy. Costs went up on recycling, assessing and auditing fees. Jim Hallstrom made a motion to approve the 2019 budget and the following Levy and Fire assessment: General Fund \$101,524; Road & Bridge fund \$305,250 and Fire Assessment \$92,575. Tim Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jim Hallstrom reported the township had a busy year. The Board is planning on paving 90th St NW from County Rd 3 NW to State Hwy 55. This ¾ mile of road gets a lot of traffic and will benefit from paving to save in grading costs. The plan is to work with the county contractor paving County Road 3 to possibly save some money. Work on a water issue at the intersection of 97th St NW and County Road 3 NW may include horizontal boring under County Rd 3 for placement of a culvert. He asked township residents to call to report issues they see around the township so the township can respond and take care of the issue.

Supervisor Tim Hable reported the Annandale Fire Department is his board assignment. He's been impressed with the department and the members. Both departments have great response times and the township is delighted with the service of both Annandale and South Haven departments. Our road contractor Hendricks Sand & Gravel along with our tree and brush control contractor Jeremy Kaskinen have been doing a great job of keeping our roads safe and in great safe. Jim reported CRWD and Wright County Soil & Water have received funding to do some water control work along 100th St NW.

In other business Oscar Laney reported there are several 911 signs missing along township roads making it difficult for emergency crews to find the correct address when on a call. Clerk Merrill has asked that he report the missing signs to her so new signs can be ordered and placed at the address.

Zane Schaefer asked the residents to approve a donation to Youth First as they have in the past. The program works with underserved students in the Annandale area. Student volunteer hours for 2017 were 27,888 and 5,562 hours for adult volunteers. A few of the programs Youth First sponsors are Cardinal Buddies and Camp Eastview. Jim Hallstrom made a motion to donate \$1,500 to Annandale Youth First for 2019. Dana Kjaer seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

David Burd thanked the fire fighters for their time and dedication. He knows firsthand how much time it takes and the time away from family and fun while on call or training. The residents present gave a round of applause to the firefighters.

Dana Kjaer made a motion to set the time and place of the 2019 annual meeting for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Southside Township hall at 8:00 p.m. Zane Schaefer seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dana Kjaer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.