

The Southside Township annual meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 by Clerk/Treasurer Carmen Merrill. The following people were present: Jim Hallstrom, Tim Hable, Jeremy Kaskinen, John Reynolds, Dale Machovsky, AFD Horacio Torres Jr, AFD Steve Randall AFD, Oscar Laney SHFD, Derek Patoule, SHFD, Zane Schaefer, David Burd.

Clerk Merrill led the pledge of allegiance.

Jim Hallstrom made a motion to appoint Zane Schaefer as moderator. Tim Hable seconded the motion. Since no other nominations were heard a unanimous ballot was cast to appoint Zane Schaefer as moderator.

Tim Hable made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Annual meeting. John Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Merrill presented the 2019 treasurer's report. Current fund balance for all funds is \$904,825. General fund receipts over disbursements for 2019 was \$600 – with a fund balance of \$244,354. The road and bridge fund had \$82,807 disbursements over receipts for 2019. This was due to the two chip seal projects and snow removal costs for last March and April. The funds for the chip seal came out of the street project money that is budgeted every year. Jim Hallstrom made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for 2019 with a second by Tim Hable. Motion carried.

Dale Machovsky of the Annandale Fire Department reported they had 295 calls in 2019 with 42 in Southside Township. The average response time was 9 minutes and 50 seconds. They have 24 members on their department. All equipment is in good shape. The Fire Commission approved a rescue truck for next year's budget. They are asking for \$44,712 for 2022 which is the same as 2021. David Burd thanked the department for all they do and the time they sacrifice away from their family.

Oscar Laney of the South Haven Fire Department reported their department had 124 total calls for 2019. 19 of the calls were in Southside Township. They currently have 24 members and are looking to hire more. Their equipment is in good shape. They just purchased a new rescue boat. They are requesting \$47,863 for 2021 which is the same as 2020.

Clerk/Treasurer Merrill presented the 2021 budget and levy request. The general fund levy request is \$112,154 which is a 4% decrease. The difference is due to no cost for elections in 2021. The road and bridge fund levy request is \$337,850. This is a 9% increase over 2020. The increase comes from an additional \$30,000 for road repair and maintenance. The Board has more road projects planned for the coming year including overlays, seal coating and chip seals. Jim Hallstrom made a motion to approve the following levy for 2021: General Fund \$112,154 Road and Bridge Fund \$337,850, Annandale Fire Assessment \$44,712 and \$47,863 for South Haven Fire Assessment. Tim Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jim Hallstrom reported the township used chip seal on 90th ST NW and Nevens Ave NW east of Lake John. Both are doing very well. The township is also working with the township engineer on 62nd St NW. The road is steep and has water issues. The engineer is working on a feasibility study.

Supervisor Tim Hable reported he is on the Annandale Fire commission and is very impressed with the organization. He likes their budgeting skills and the way they plan for replacing equipment. He is also impressed with the chip seal projects. We are still working on learning how to maintain the surface.

Supervisor Reynolds reported he has been working on snowplow damage to mailboxes and graders moving dirt and rocks into residents' yards. The heavy snow last fall and early quick defrost this spring caused the top layer of roads to be very messy. Hopefully the roads dry out soon.

Zane Schaefer thanked the Board for their work.

David Burd asked the township for a donation for Annandale Youth First for 2021. The organization is a nonprofit group that works to enrich the lives of at risk youth in the area. They have several mentor programs including Cardinal Buddies, After the Bell and Eastview Camp. David Burd made a motion to donate \$1500 to Annandale Youth First for 2021. Jim Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Burd made a motion to set the 2021 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Southside Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. Tim Hable seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.