

Denmark Township Annual Meeting
March 13, 2012

Supervisors Present: Kathy Higgins, Steve Kramer and John Kummer.

Supervisors Absent: Joe Moore, Jim Keller

7 residents in attendance

Call to order: Clerk called meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Select Moderator: Motion P Powers/2nd K Higgins to nominate S Kramer as Moderator.

No other nominations. **All In Favor. Motion Carried.**

Steve Kramer moderated meeting.

2011 Annual Meeting Minutes: 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed rather than read aloud.

Motion J Keller/2nd B Sutterfield to accept the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

Gopher Bounty: (currently at \$2.50)

Motion P Powers to abolish the gopher bounty. Motion died lack of second.

Motion D Ruettiman/2nd B Sutterfield to recommend keeping the gopher bounty at \$2.50 per gopher. Majority in Favor. 1 opposed. Motion Carried.

Legal Paper: (currently Hastings Star Gazette-also publishing in St. Paul Pioneer Press when directed by Board)

Motion P Powers/2nd C Kelz to recommend keeping Hastings Star Gazette as legal newspaper, also publishing in St. Paul Pioneer Press when directed by Board. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Salary: Current pay is \$300 per month for Chair and \$70 per meeting.

Motion D Ruettiman/2nd L Stancer to recommend keeping Supervisor salary at \$70 per meeting and Chair \$300 per month. Motion Carried.

Set 2013 Annual Meeting Site and Time:

Motion C Kelz/2nd B Sutterfield to set the 2013 Annual Meeting March 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall (inclement weather date would be 03/19/13).

Discussion- Re: setting the annual meeting at a different time of year. MN Statute requires that, the 2nd Tuesday in March is Township Day, and that a Township annual meeting must be held on that date.

All In Favor. Motion Carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Carina Kelz gave an update on the Denmark Township Historical Society's efforts to purchase the Valley schoolhouse. Survey of site was submitted indicating that the schoolhouse is actually located on private property and not on a platted road. Funds are being raised through donations from residents and companies. Society is also working with foundations. Donations are now over \$12,000. Society is currently checking into the tax forfeited parcels in the schoolhouse area.

Resident commented that the snow removal/sanding this winter was a good improvement over prior years.

Resident inquired if Township permits were public information. Most information on permits is public information.

Supervisor Reports:

HIGGINS: Represents Denmark on the Hastings Rural Fire Association (HRFA). Spent 2011 \$137,000 Budget 2012 \$146,000. HRFA contracts with the City of Hastings. In process of negotiating a new 5 yr contract. Resident who lives in north end of the Township states that home insurance high due to

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distance from the Hastings Fire Department. Believes that residents may benefit if Township is divided by zones. Township has discussed and is aware that there are options. Hastings Fire Department does have mutual aid agreements with Cottage Grove, Prescott and Lower St. Croix. State mandates ambulance service districts. Hastings provides Advanced Life Support Services, while Cottage Grove, Lower St. Croix & Prescott do not.

KUMMER: Appointed to Board in November to fill vacancy. Is present roads Supervisor. 2012 road project will include Sealcoat/Crack seal on 110th St-St Croix Tr to the east, 131st St Circle and 122nd St-Neal to St Croix Tr. 80th St will need to be assessed for future repair. Curves on Morgan/127th will be striped for site restriction. Anticipate receiving quotes for summer road maintenance and dustcoating in April. Most township roads have been posted for road restrictions at 5 tons, other than 2 roads in the industrial area. Discussion regarding options for limiting number of waste haulers in Denmark.

KRAMER: Town Hall maintenance. Repair of some of the Town Hall building siding may occur this year. Changes in Town Hall Park have occurred. Ball fence has been moved to the north. Deck & railing maintenance will be done. O'Connor Park has had clearing of trees and prairie area restoration. Residents indicated that the ball fence that was moved to the north is not working out. During the vintage annual ballgame, often the ball is hit out of the park into the neighbor's property.

2011 Financial Report: Summary financial reports consisting of Revenues of \$600,075.01 and Expenditures of \$505,424.90 were supplied to the public.

Year ending 12/31/2011 balances:

Checking Account- \$377,165.74 (account balance \$379,175.55 less outstanding checks \$2009.81)

General Savings Account- \$533,350.12

Park/Recreation Restricted Account- \$153,755.26

Cable Restricted Account- \$5073.74

Total Cash Balance- \$1,069,344.86

Detail reports were entered into record at the February 6, 2012 Board Of Audit and have been posted in the Town Hall prior to the Annual Meeting.

2013 Budget recommendations will be presented to the electors at the September reconvening of the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Other Business:

Town Celebration- inquiry of 2012 possible ice cream social. \$1000.00 has been budgeted for 2012 Town Celebration. Resident and Board consensus that no one is interested in volunteering to coordinate a celebration.

Nitrate Testing- Washington Conservation District in coordination with the Department of Agriculture is giving Denmark the opportunity to have water nitrate testing in the community. Also available for purchase from WCD are trees and rain barrels. Residents expressed interest in water testing and WCD tree/rain barrel sale and suggested newsletter/website posting of the information.

8:20 PM **Motion P Powers/2nd B Sutterfield to recess the Annual Meeting to September 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM. for the purpose of the 2013 Budget/Levy recommendations. All In Favor. Motion Carried.**

Becky Herman
Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer

Annual Meeting Moderator or Chairperson