

**Denmark Township Annual Meeting  
March 13, 2007**

**Supervisors Present:** Kathy Higgins, John Kummer, Gary Dixon, Jim Keller.

**Absent:** Joe Moore

**Call to order:** Clerk called meeting called to order at 8:15 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Chair Kummer acknowledged and welcomed Washington County Commissioner Myra Peterson and State Representative Denny McNamara.

**Chair Comments:** Board Chair John Kummer reported that Legal Counsel had provided the Township with the correct administration of annual meetings based on State Statutes. The Board is responsible for setting the Gopher Bounty, Legal Paper of Record and Supervisor Salary by resolution. These items are open to the residents for discussion only and are not to be voted on by the public.

**Select Moderator:** Denny Holz/2nd Renee Holz to nominate Ken Tibesar as Chair. Gordy Herman/2nd Pat Lilligren to nominate John Moes as Chair. Electors voted by show of hands. Majority vote for John Moes. (17-13)

**2006 Annual Meeting Minutes:** 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the public rather than read aloud. **Motion Gordy Herman/2nd George Stoffel to accept the Annual Meeting Minutes of 2006.** All in Favor. Motion carried.

**Gopher Bounty:** (currently at \$2.50) Majority of residents expressed interest in keeping the Gopher Bounty.

**Legal Paper:** (currently Hastings Star Gazette) Vote consensus for Hastings Gazette or St. Paul for paper of record was about half and half.

**Conditional Use Permit Review:** Only CUP up for renewal in 2007 is Tiller. Residents asked about water testing at the Tiller site. Keller will review.

**Incorporation Update:** Last year the Township Attorney was to have a report ready for the Board. Board never received. There has been little action on Incorporation. Incorporation issues to be addressed during Comp Plan process.

**Supervisors Salary:** Current pay is \$100 per month for Chair and \$70 per meeting. Clerk read survey figures on pay in other Townships. Vote consensus was about half and half to keep current pay. Discussion re: hiring an administrator for the Town. Residents expressed preference for Board to handle their portfolio items themselves, to stay in better touch with the residents and to stay in control of Town issues.

**Town Hall PA System:** Dixon reported that the Township may purchase personal hearing devices for use in the Hall during meetings.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Dixon:

- Town Hall was sided in 2006. Possible changes to Town Hall Park/Parking will be considered during the Comp Plan update process. PITs (Playground in the summer) will be conducted at the Town Hall in 2007.

Keller:

- Denmark receives a Recycling Grant from Washington County. Town includes 4H clubs on process with ditch cleaning and education. Keller represents Denmark on LSCWMO. Also represents Denmark on the Redrock Corridor.

Kummer:

- Roads and Ditches-General road plan, maintain asphalt roads. Seal Coating could be done. Upgrade 1/3 of the gravel roads with gravel. Dustcoat-cost is about \$15,000. Fire signs-keeping up with new homes. Rumpca gravel pit access-exit Rumpca property approximately 60 ft east of the intersection of 80th St and Oakgreen. Proceeding west on 80th St for 60 ft and go North on Oakgreen to 70th. Inbound return to the pit can be on any road they choose, except for gravel roads.

Higgins:

- Alternate Denmark representative on LSCWMO. Fire Services-City of Hastings has done a management study, which will result in a significant rate increase for the Township. Hasting Rural Fire Association is in the process of negotiating a new contract with the City of Hastings.

**2006 Financial Report:** Financial report consisting of Revenues (\$512,944) and Expenditure (\$618,778) was supplied to the public. 2008 Budget recommendations will be made at the September reconvening of the Annual Meeting.

**Other Business:**

Water Tested-Keller spoke on water contamination and provided handouts from the MN Dept of Public Health for the public. The Town Hall well was tested and no contaminants were detected. Keller recommended residents to go to MN. Dept. of Health website for updated information.

**Election Results:**

Moderator Moes read election results:

<u>Seat 1</u>	<u>Seat 3</u>
Steve Kramer- 171	Jim Keller- 228
Write Ins- 94	Write Ins- 21
Total Votes Cast- 265	Total Votes Cast- 249

10:15 PM Motion Pam Monno/2nd Peg Powers to recess to September 2007 for the purpose of Budget recommendations. Motion Carried.

Becky Herman Denmark Township Clerk/Treasurer