

The Township annual meeting started at 1:00pm CDT with Mr. Behrens calling the meeting to Order. There were 21 Residents in attendance and 7 guests. The Group recited the pledge of allegiance as a group.

Clerk Report - Mr. Behrens provided time for reading the meeting minutes from the 2017 annual meeting. Mr. Behrens asked whether the group wanted him to read the minutes that were in their packet or if they wanted to waive the reading. Mr. Hanson made the motion to waive reading all the minutes, Motion seconded by Mr. Hagre, Motion carried unanimously. Then the group was asked if there were questions or discussion on any of the items. Motion made by Mr. Fields to accept the meeting minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Quam. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasure's Report – Mr. Andrist gave the treasures report and shared that the township is in good standing according to the auditor. He reviewed the budget worksheet and provided the totals for landfill ash and bypass. Motion made by Mr. Hanson to accept the treasures report. Motion seconded by Mr. Hagre. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Selection – Mr. Behrens called for nominations for a moderator. Mr. Hagre nominated Mr. Glenn Larsen with Mr. Tom Larsen seconding the motion. Mr. Field motioned to close the selection process with Ms. Farley seconding the motion. The vote occurred and was unanimous. Mr. Glenn Larsen was elected moderator and took over running the annual meeting.

Gopher Bounty – The current bounty is set at \$2.50 for pocket and \$2.50 for striped gophers. Motion was made by Mr. Tweite to leave the 2018 value for pocket gophers and striped gophers at \$2.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Quam. The motion carried unanimously.

Web Site – Mr. Larsen requested an update from the Clerk regarding the status of the website. Mr. Behrens stated that he had visited the site earlier in the day and confirmed that the site was up to date. Mr. Behrens shared that if House Bill 1344 and Senate Bill 1245 pass that next year we could drop the official newspaper and use the website and posting board exclusively. Mr. Behrens stated that with the population getting younger in the township that there is more usage and interest in the web technology. Mr. Larsen then recommended that residence utilize the site Mr. Fields made the motion that the Kalmar web site (www.kalmar.govoffice.com) should be made the official web site for the township for posting. This web site besides the Official newspaper and the Posting board at the town hall should meet all requirements. Mr. Hagre seconded, motion carried.

Official Newspaper – Motion by Mr. Brekke to make the Rochester Post Bulletin as the official newspaper and keep the Byron Review as a courtesy. Mr. Tom Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mount Hope Cemetery – Mr. Behrens (representing Mount Hope Cemetery) provided a summary of the history of support provided Mount Hope Cemetery by the

township. He gave the current status of the fence, flag pole and the cemetery in general. There were many comments on well it looked and anticipation on what it will look like when the flowers come up and its complete. Mr. Behrens stated he enjoyed being on the board and also the township board, because if the cemetery association dissolved, the township would have to take over managing it. It's been very educational and there is an actual class at MATS about Township managing a cemetery that he will attend. Motion made by Mr. Till allocate \$800.00 for the cemetery association. Mr. Polzin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Status/Tree Removal – Mr. Hanson provided a report on road status and tree maintenance. The roads are in good shape, there will be a spring road inspection in April to check out winter and spring damage. Rock bids will be opened at the March meeting. Mr. Brekke asked about the extra expense on the budget for tar, The Clerk stated that was for fixing the font of Leads and Leashes (which they will then be billed) and for sealing of the tar aprons on the roads. Mr. Wood stated that just crack work was done this year and chipping needed to be done. The board will look at aprons on the road tour and start the process. Mr. Behrens stated that there are 31.92 miles and the population was 1077 people.

Fire Department – Mr. Jeff Thorpe (Byron Fire Chief) provided a report of the fire department status and confirmed that the fire department was requesting \$51,804.00 for 2018. Mr. Thorpe gave a report on the activities that it was involved in for the year. He stated that there were 31 members now and that they had a waiting list to get on staff. Mr. Thorpe stated he was retiring and that Mr. Matt Grant was taking over as Chief. The board thanked him for all his years of service and attending the all the meetings. There were 27 calls to Kalmar Township, with the number of car accidents rising. The total number of calls was 79 which was down from 2016. He then gave some financial information and also about possible building maintenance that will be required in the future. The fire house is approaching 25 years old and there are a few items that may require updates/replacement (ex. HVAC). Mr. Delva asked if the ladder truck was used and how often. Chief Thorpe said they had used it several times but also the ladder truck is a pumper and that is used in conjunction with the other pumper at almost every fire.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Larsen to accept the report and request for \$51,804.00. Seconded by Ms. Baldus. Motion carried unanimously.

First Responders – Mr. Brian McGregor gave the Byron First Responders presentation and stated that the first responders were asking \$7,382.00 (includes \$2000.00 for truck fund). He gave a brief presentation on number of calls and their types. There was an increase in total calls in 2017 rising to 263. There were 39 calls in Kalmar township with 20 being medical and 17 being accidents. There were 2 public service calls or fire department response calls. 2018 has been trending above 2017, so they expect a record year. Mr. Delva asked what kind of Truck was being ordered this fall, Mr. McGregor stated it was a Ford F350 Quad Cab and it was a gas, not a diesel. Mr. Andrist stated as an ex responder that the old truck was very out dated.

A motion was made by Ms. Baldus to accept the First Responders request for \$7,382.00 which included the truck fund of \$2,000.00 and that would be added to the existing CD that the township manages. Mr. Tom Larsen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund – The recommendation of the township board to keep the levy for the general fund at \$100,000.00. Mr. Behrens gave a recap of what was covered in the general fund and then provided a summary of the 2017 expense detail and associated 2018 budget, including the ash and bypass income. Motion made by Ms. Baldus to accept the recommended value of \$100,000. Mr. Tom Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chloride – Mr. Behrens provided a summary of the 2017 cost of chloride (\$24,678.27) and provided the budgeted cost for 2018 (\$27,000.00). Mr. Behrens stated that the cost of chloride per gallon was going to remain at \$.082 per gallon applied, which is 1 cent more than 2017

The general consensus that residents still wanted it applied.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldus to continue the Kalmar program to apply chloride to all residences, intersections, bike trail crossings and any other area that the supervisors deemed a safety issue, second by Mr. Tom Larsen, Motion carried unanimously.

Road and Bridge – Mr. Hanson went over the amount of road work to be done in the upcoming 2018 year. There was going to be an annual spring road inspection to find any issues that winter caused. Mr. Behrens provided a summary of Road and Bridge spending history and the decreasing money received from the state. There were no bridges to be repaired this year in the township. Mr. Hanson stated that there are approximately 31.92 miles of township roads and that the township would only be doing about half the roads this year. The township will be seeking money from City of Byron (20th Street) and from the City of Rochester (60th Ave) this year for the roads that they contribute a traffic burden on. The winter and early melt did not help the roads much. Motion by Mr. Till to set the road and bridge levy at \$244,500.00 second by Mr. Field, Motion carried unanimously.

TCPA – Mr. Quam provided a summary of the services generally provided by the TCPA. Mr. Quam stated that the township should receive their original investment back this year from TCPA. No action required.

Recycling – Mr. Behrens provided a Recycling update and stated that we had 57 users and that they received 27 percent of the money that was available. This was due to a large increase in bypass money from the previous year. This percentage did not meet the State of Minnesota requirement, but was explainable because of the bump in bypass and the fact that we mail a notice to all residents of Kalmar inviting them to participate. The general consensus was that the program is working well and should be continued. Mr. Field made the motion to keep the program active and start it retro-active to January 1st, 2018. The last date for expense reimbursement requests must be received by the

treasurer by the normally scheduled December township meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Tweite, Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fields made the motion to keep the reimbursement value at \$200.00, was seconded by Mr. Hanson. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Hall update – Mr. Behrens reviewed the updates/maintenance to the town hall last year. He also gave an update on efforts in conjunction with the Eagle scouts for the KR 7 reservoir.

Set Next Annual Meeting – The citizens present decided to keep the 1pm start time and to have 3pm as the election time. Motion was made by Mr. Hanson to have the next annual meeting at 1:00 pm on 3/12/2019 and General elections to be held at 3:00 pm till 8 pm, and seconded by Mr. Hagre, Motion carried unanimously.

The weather alternate is March 14th, 2019 and the board of canvas will be the day after the election at 6:00 pm at the town hall.

Other new business – Mr. Polzin asked about the increase in Kalmar tax value. Mr.

Adjournment – Mr. Till made motion to Adjourn, the Motion received and second by Ms. Farley, Motion carried unanimously.

2:52 pm CDT

Respectively submitted by Terry Behrens