

The Township 2009 annual meeting started at 1:00pm CDT with Mr. Behrens calling the meeting to Order. There were 20 Residents in attendance.

**Clerk Report** - Mr. Behrens asked whether he should read meeting minutes from the 2008 annual meeting or people could review them in the handout. Motion made by Mr. Tweite to accept the meeting minutes as passed out and no verbal reading necessary. Motion seconded by Mr. Quam, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasure's Report** – Mr. David Lund gave the treasures report, there was \$143,257.92 in Checking. CD's value where at \$120,559.66. Mr. Lund explained about the reduced money coming from bypass in 2009 and that amount will be larger in 2010. The amount of ash will increase each year do to the new burner coming on line. Mr. Lund shared and went over in the agenda packet the expense for the year as well as the income. Mr. Lund explained changes in the CD (size and frequency of maturity) and insurance as mandated by the Government. Mr. Lund stated he took the CD's and broke them down to two 50's and a 20 and spread their maturity apart to help with cash flow if needed. Motion made by Mr. Wharton to accept the treasures report. Motion seconded by Mr. Till. Motion carried unanimously.

**Moderator Selection** – Mr. Behrens called for nominations for a moderator. Mr. Wharton nominated Mr. Glen Larson with Mr. Meyer seconding the motion. Mr. Hanson made the motion to close the nominations, seconded was Mr. John Meyer. Vote Occurred. Mr. Glenn Larson was elected moderator.

Mr. Larson took over running the annual meeting.

**Gopher Bounty** – The current bounty is set at \$2.50 for pocket and \$.50 for striped gophers. Motion was made by Mr. Till to leave the 2009 values the same as the 2008 values. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer. The motion carried unanimously.

**Web Site** – Mr. Meyer made the motion that the Kalmar web site ([www.kalmar.govoffice.com](http://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. Quam seconded, motion carried.

**Official Newspaper** – Motion by Mr. Wharton to make the Rochester Post Bulletin as the official newspaper and keep the Byron Review as a courtesy. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mount Hope Cemetery** – Mr. Behrens read correspondence from the Mount Hope association asking for Kalmar continued support. Motion made by Mr. Till to contribute \$500.00 to the cemetery association and second by Mr. Quam. Motion carried unanimously.

**Tree Removal** – Mr. Tom Tweite gave the report on tree maintenance, a trimming and a clearing list was created after a drive thru on the roads. Mr. Jim Wharton was going to handle the small trimmings and Mr. Michael Logan would be hired to do all the boom truck work. The amount of tree trimming in 2009 should be remarkably reduced unless bad weather occurs. No Action Required.

**General Fund** – The recommendation of the township board to raise the levy for the general fund to \$35,000. Motion by Mr. Till to accept the recommendation, second by Mr. Wharton, Discussion centered on the raise from the 2008 value, the 2009 amount would cover the new roof on the town hall and the cost of having to use the new election machines at the next annual meeting. The programming cost was around \$1500.00 for that. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fire Department** – Mr. Behrens introduced Mr. Jeff Thorpe (Byron Fire Chief) and stated that the fire department was asking \$44,086.11 and that included the amount for the new fire truck. Mr. Thorpe explained how the requested value was decided on (there was a handout attached to the agenda) and how many calls the fire department had and what type, He discussed the rumors of building a new fire hall and shared the timetable for other fire trucks to be replaced. The fire hall had a new roof installed and they saved money by having the “sentence to serve” people do the work. A motion was made by Mr. Till to accept this value and to invite the Fire Chief to the annual meeting, second by Mr. Wharton. Discussion centered on how the valuation was done and how it differed from the previous year. Motion carried unanimously.

**First Responders** – Mr. Behrens introduced Ms. Pat Quam (Byron First Responder) and stated that the first responders were asking \$4,436.23 which was a little more than the previous year (\$4,164.00). Ms. Quam explained the First Responders roll, number and type of calls and explained how the value requested was decided on (there was a handout attached to the agenda). A motion was made by Mr. Meyer to accept this value, second by Mr. Wharton. Discussion centered on how many runs that they had to answer to in Kalmar Township versus the previous year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chloride** – Mr. Tweite stated that the cost of chloride was basically holding the same and it was going hand in hand with the amount of gravel used. Discussion was on type of chloride and also cost. Mr. Larson stated that he was very pleased with how the township had been applying it in conjunction with the new road rock. Mr. Hanson stated that Kalmar was only one of two townships still providing this service to its residents and with the reduction of Landfill money from bypass that the amount of chloride applied was going to have to change. A long discussion enthused about what the residents wanted and some options were discussed, including not applying it. The general consensus that residents still wanted it applied. Motion was made by Mr. Meyer 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. Till. Motion carried unanimously.

**Road and Bridge** – Mr. Tweite went over the amount of road work to be done in the upcoming 2009 year. There was going to be a annual spring road inspection to find any issues that winter caused. Discussed the status of bridges (those done and reviewed by the county) and that there was going to be 3 bridges having to have work and inspections done for about \$5000.00. There where several monetary recommendations based on whether Chloride would be applied or not. The base recommendation did include the cost to do the bridge replacements. Motion by Mr. Till to set the road and bridge levy at \$160,000.00, second by Mr. Wharton, Motion carried unanimously.

**TCPA** – Mr. Behrens gave the TCPA status. TCPA has been running in the red most of the year do to the building slow down. There was a very good possibility that TCPA might have to go back to the base townships to get more money to carry it thru the 2009 year. Mr. Behrens reviewed the TCPA space situation and notified residents that TCPA now had moved to the Rochester Township town hall. No action required.

**Recycling Day/ Recycling Center** – Mr. Hanson gave the Recycling update. The status of the recycling bins in the City Of Byron has been very good, there have been calls to help clean up dumped things and some litter has been blown around. Usage has been very high with only a couple instances of illegal dumping noted. Kalmar has been paying about \$300.00 a month with a tentatively agreement to limit it at \$500 and the City contributing the additional cost. The voucher cards for recycling where discussed and there was discussion about raising the value, but after reviewing the forecasted bypass money reduction and that this was a response to having to spend 25% of that income, it was decided to go another year with the same format.

Mr. Tweite made the motion to keep the coupon value at \$50.00 and start the new mailing on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, motion was seconded by Mr. Quam.

Motion was made by Mr. Behrens to have the Supervisors continue offering the recycling bins in Byron and review their cost and use next year. Second was made by Mr. Hanson and motion carried unanimously.

**Town Hall update** – Mr. Tweite recapped the status of the town hall roof and that the Supervisors where going to try to use the “sentence to serve” people to do the work.

**Burning Permit update** – Mr. Behrens explained the new DNR burning permits and that the DNR wanted to know what the township wanted to do. They could either switch to the new online system or go their own way. The general consensus was that the residents didn’t want to use the new system and pay for permits. No Formal Action required, with Mr. Behrens to notify the DNR and also look into what Salem township was going to do as they had already decided to go independent.

**Set Next Annual Meeting** – Mr. Lund asked about moving the elections to fall and if that would save us money and the use of the machine. The fall elections are not held on the same day as the general elections (Nov 4<sup>th</sup>) so little would be saved. Motion was made by Mr. Meyer to have the next annual meeting at 1:00 pm on 3/09/2010 and

General elections to be held at 3:00 pm till 8 pm, and seconded by Mr. Voll. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other new business** – There where no other new business items.

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

2:50 pm CDT

Respectively submitted by Terry Behrens