

## **HAVEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

The Haven Township Annual Meeting was held at the Haven Township Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers. The Board members present were Chairman Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, and Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers. There were approximately a total of 25 people at the meeting.

### **Everyone Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance**

### **SELECTION OF MODERATOR**

David Meyers nominated Penny Weihrauch as the moderator for the meeting. The nomination was seconded by Mark Knowles. The motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were handed out in the packet for the residents. It was moved by Roger Plombon and seconded by Gloria Plombon to accept the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

### **CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeff Schlingmann gave the clerk/treasurer's report for Clerk/Treasurer Mike Zniewski. Haven Township is still the lowest Levy Township in Sherburne County.

### **FIRE REPORT**

Kathi Sims-Kosloski gave the Fire Report. She made the comment that the contract with the Sauk Rapids Fire Department is up for renewal. The Haven Township Board will renew the two year contract. The Cost of the Fire Contract for the year 2016 will be \$48,148.00. The Cost of the Fire Contract for the year 2017 will be \$52,963.00. She also made the comment that the Board Members are looking into having Dry Hydrants placed around certain areas in the Township. They will work with the Sauk Rapids Fire Department and DNR on this option.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT**

Mark Knowles reported on the Road & Bridge. There was a map that was handed out to the residents so they could see the Haven Road Conditions. He addressed that because the West Sherwood Shores Road Project was not completed; the Board will look into repairing the next phase of roads in Elk River Estates. These roads are 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, & 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He also addressed that the gravel roads would stay gravel. Overall, the Haven Township Roads are in pretty good shape.

### **BUDGET**

Jeff Schlingmann talked to the residents about the budget and what the Haven Township Board Recommends. After this discussion, it was moved by Mark Knowles to accept the budget proposal. David Meyers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rudy Valley made a motion to accept and approve the recommended levy. Sylvia Valley seconded the motion. The motion carried to set the following levy for 2016, payable in 2017:

Revenue:	\$ 71,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$244,000.00
Fire	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>
<b>Total Levy</b>	<b>\$370,000.00</b>

**GOPHER BOUNTY**

It was recommended by Sylvia Valley and seconded by Gary Kiffmeyer that the gopher bounty stays at \$2.00 per pair of feet, for the year 2016. The motion carried.

**CLEAN-UP DAY**

The Annual spring clean-up day will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Haven Township Hall. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. See the Spring Newsletter for more details.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Walking Bridge on 54<sup>th</sup> Street** – Georgia Thienes brought up about having a walking bridge to replace the bridge that was removed on 54<sup>th</sup> Street SE. She is wondering if the Board had discussed this any further and what the plans are for this. She made the comment that the neighborhood would like to see a walking bridge put back. She feels that the property owners are losing value of their property because the bridge has been removed. Many of the neighbors who purchased their homes in that area did so because of the access over the bridge. She is wondering what can be done to consider putting in a walking bridge again. What is the process?

Clint Bogard e-mailed the board: Hello Everyone...Any “New News” on the Replacement IDEA of the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge...Recreational Idea or Re-Zoning Option(s), etc...as we presented and discussed in last Fall’s meeting, etc.. all of us in Greenwood Acres Neighborhood are still watching you all and waiting to hear back from someone, etc... Thank you, Clint Bogard...?????????

Mark Knowles addressed this and said that as of now, there are no plans of putting in a walking bridge. He will talk with Sherburne County to see if there is any grant money to help fund a request like this.

Someone else made the comment that there also may be funding from the Parks & Trails or the Heritage Fund that might be able to help.

Mark Knowles will talk with Sherburne County and see what options the Board may have. He also made the comment that the neighborhood should come to a regular board meeting to address this.

2017 Annual Meeting – Jeff Schlingmann made a motion to set the time and date for the next Annual Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 and start at 7:00 p.m. Gloria Plombon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Rudy Valley seconded by Mark Knowles that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk / Treasurer