

**HAVEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

The Haven Township Annual Meeting was held at the Haven Township Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. 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, and Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski. There were a total of 14 people at the annual meeting.

SELECTION OF MODERATOR

Roger Plombon nominated Jim Knoblach to be the moderator for the meeting. The nomination was seconded by Jeff Schlingmann. The motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were handed out in the packet for the residents to review. It was moved by Rodney Kozak and seconded by Roger Plombon to accept the March 12, 2019 Annual Minutes as printed. The motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT

Jeff Schlingmann gave the Clerk/Treasurer’s Report and referred to the handout in the packet that was prepared by the Clerk. A question was brought up about the Sterling Heights Fund being \$0. Jeff Schlingmann addressed this question and stated that Haven Township has been working with the City of St. Cloud on the MS4 compliances within this area and that the City of St. Cloud over sees the Sterling Heights area now. Haven Township still stays a low Levy Township in Sherburne County.

FIRE REPORT

Kathi Sims-Kosloski reported that the Township is in its first year of the 2-year Fire Contract with Sauk Rapids Fire Department. The cost of the Fire Contract for the first year 2020 will be \$51,157.00. The seconded year 2021 will be \$51,157.00 as well. The Net Tax Capacity (NTC) did not change from last year for Haven Township. The Sauk Rapids Fire Department purchased 2 new sets of turn-out-gear. They also purchased a twin truck with Sartell and got a 40% discount. She will try to get the new truck on display for the residents to see when it arrives in 2021. Another thing she mentioned is that the Sauk Rapids Fire Department will no longer be billing out for the calls to personal parties who use them, it will be billed to the personal party, through the Township billing.

ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT

Mark Knowles reported on the Road & Bridge. He talked about the Sherwood Shores West Area 64th Street and 36th Avenue roads. The construction of this big road project is almost complete, they are just waiting for the final layer and that will be completed before July, 2020. The board is concentrating on tree trimming and crack filling throughout this year.

Rodney Kozak asked about tree trimming on 60th Avenue SE. He also stated that the 45th Street culvert needs help. He wondered if the board has thought about looking into the option of bonding, to fix all the roads up to standard. He questioned if the board could have the stumps removed when they tree cut, so that it stays maintained rather than having to come back every year to address the same issue of re-growth. Mark Knowles said that he will look into these suggestions.

BUDGET

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

Roger Plombon made a motion to accept and approve the recommended levy. Gloria Plombon seconded the motion. The motion carried to set the following levy for 2020, payable in 2021:

Revenue:	\$ 71,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$335,000.00
Fire	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>
Total Levy	\$461,000.00

GOPHER BOUNTY

The residents visited about how the surrounding township pays more than Haven Township for gopher feet and that there are still gophers out there to be caught. A better incentive would help. It was recommended by Rodney Kozak and seconded by Rudy Valley that the gopher bounty increases to \$4.00 per pair of feet, for the year 2020. The recommended motion carried.

CLEAN-UP DAY

The Annual spring clean-up day will be Saturday, May 9, 2020 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

Kathi Sims-Kosloski talked about the St. Cloud Regional Airport. She made the comment that being the Airport is used by the Tri-County Area, (Stearns, Benton and Sherburne County); in 2021 they want to start a Joint Board Committee with two members from each county that would serve as representatives on it. She also made the comment that any of the St. Cloud Airport meetings are public and anyone can attend them. She recommends that being the St. Cloud Airport is in Haven Township, someone should always try to attend those meetings to represent Haven Township.

Rudy Valley asked the board what can be done with all the Lyme piles that are stock piled on certain fields within the township. Some of the piles have been there for 5 or 6 years. He wondered why they can't be spread out onto the fields in a manageable time frame. The conclusion was that it is left up to the property owner when to spread the pile being it is in an agricultural area.

Rodney Kozak wondered if the township gets paid for having Solar Farms within it. Do the Solar Farms pay taxes to the township? Jeff Schlingmann said yes, it's based on what size the Solar Farm is on how much they pay. He will ask the question to the County in April at the Township's Board of Equalization to clarify for sure.

Gary Kiffmeyer was wondering if the snow plow truck can use the truck with the wing on it when they go down Haven Road. The snow needs to be pushed into the ditches more so the road can be wider. Mark Knowles will look into this and talk with the snow removal contractor.

SET TIME & DATE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

2021 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 8, 2021 and start at 7:00 p.m. Rodney Kozak seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Mark Knowles seconded by Gloria Plombon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman