

HAVEN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

The Haven Township Annual Meeting was held at the Haven Township Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Tammy Schefers. The Board members present were Supervisor Eric Meyer, Supervisor Bruce Hentges and Supervisor Joseph Then. The Deputy Treasurer Roger Johnson attended via Zoom. There were a total of 16 people who attended in person. There were a total of 17 people who attended the Annual Meeting.

SELECTION OF MODERATOR

After hearing no one in the audience nominates anyone to be the moderator; Deputy Clerk, Tammy Schefers made a motion to nominate Kari Watkins to be the Moderator for the Meeting. Penny Weihrauch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 8, 2022 Annual Meeting were handed out in the packet for the residents to review. It was moved by Bruce Hentges and seconded by Penny Weihrauch to accept the March 8, 2022 Annual Minutes as printed. The motion carried.

BOARD OF AUDIT REPORT

There was no report given. An extension had to be made by the township because the auditing firms are short staffed and can't handle all of the work. The Audit will be completed in May/June.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deputy Treasurer Roger Johnson & Eric Meyer presented the Treasurer's Report and referred to the handout in the packet that was presented to the residents to review. After discussion on this, Penny Weihrauch made a motion to accept and approve the presented Treasurer's Report as stated. Gary Kiffmeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Just an Update for the Residents: At the 2022 November General Election there was a question on the ballot to separate the Haven Clerk and Treasurer's Positions. The question passed with a Yes to separate these two positions. So now Haven Township has a separate Clerk and a separate Treasurer Position. Currently the Haven Clerk is on Medical Leave and the Deputy Clerk has been filling in. The Township has hired a temporary Deputy Treasurer to help Haven Township until the board appoints a Treasurer. At the February 2023 Board Meeting, the board members interviewed a candidate and appointed a Treasurer.

FIRE REPORT

Eric Meyer reported that the Township is in its second year of the current fire contract. In 2022 the cost was \$59,501.00 and in 2023 the cost is \$59,501.00. This summer in June/July the board will meet with Sauk Rapids Fire Department to discuss and review the next three year plan for the township. He also went over the Fire Report that was presented in the handout for the residents.

Eric Meyer talked to the residents about dry hydrant hook-ups. He explained that he has been working with the Sauk Rapids Fire Chief and Farmers in the township to have the option to tap into the farmers irrigation wells for the Fire Department to use if they are in need of water for certain areas within the township. He showed a map of potential hydrant locations throughout the township. The board will consider starting with a hydrant in the field by the township hall to see how that works first and if it works continue from there. A current approximate cost of one hydrant is about \$15,000.00 to install.

Help Save a Life - AED (Automated External Defibrillators) – Joel Vogel a strong member of Advocates for Health talked with the Haven residents on how important it is to save a life. He shared his story on how he had a heart attack and was saved. He had a display unit of a Cardiac ReStart Lifesaving AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Machine at the township hall for demonstration to show the audience how it worked. Currently Haven Township has one outdoor AED Machine in the township. It is located in Sherwood Shores West. It has been used several times. The board members felt it might be a good idea to have these placed around and available throughout the township in case of emergency situations. Eric Meyer had a map to show the residents potential locations where these units would be most useful and a central location within the neighborhoods. He suggested 8 public locations within the township. Not limiting to, if there were other spots considered. The board has ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding that they were allotted through the State and thought this would be a nice investment for the township that would benefit all of the residents in Haven Township.

Currently the cost for one of these units are \$7,195.00 which includes: Stainless Steel Cabinet Equipped with AED Smart Monitoring System; Defibtech Lifeline View AED; GPS Tracking of AED; Planning, Mapping & Site Selection Assistance of Cabinet; AED/CPR Training Instructional Poster; AED Tracking Program for Battery & Pads; AED Registration with National/State Registry; Inclusion in 911 Mapping (if available); 2 Directional Road Signs; Vinyl Graphics on the Front/Back of Unit; Installation of Cabinet & Programming of AED; Hands Only CPR & AED Instructional Training.

* Not included in Pricing: Electrical hookup with electrician, a concrete pad (if needed), sales tax if applicable, and Annual AED Monitoring Subscription (which approximately is \$600.00 per year) Monitoring Subscription Includes: Full Service Tracking, Monitoring & Maintenance of AED & Cabinet; Tracks Functionality of AED Components; Sends Alerts when Attention is Needed via Multi Carrier SIM Network; Monitors Temperature Changes to keep AED Functional; Communicates with an Emergency call Center & Triggers a Siren; Sends Text Upon Request & Takes Photos; Annual Cleaning of Interior & Exterior of Cabinet; Maintenance of GPS Tracking; Replacement of Pads According to Manufacturer Specifications; Replacement of Batteries According to Manufacturer Specifications; 4 Year Full Warranty for Labor & Material Replacement on all Electrical Components; 4 Year Software & Firmware Updates.

Eric Meyer made the comment that Haven Township will pay 90% of the cost for these Outdoor AED Smart Cabinet Packages and the residents in designated neighborhoods would only have to pay 10% of the cost, unless someone wanted to donate all the funding for it. There will be more discussion on this at future board meetings. The board members will connect with residents in each location area on the map and invite them to a demonstration on this and see if it is something people want for the township in their area.

ROAD REPORT

Eric Meyer talked about the Road Report that was in the handout packet. He made the comment that in 2022 total projects were \$400,483.00. This included Snow; Salt; Sand (until 12/31/2022); Reclaim for overlay 35th Avenue SE; Reclaim for overlay 65th Avenue SE; Reclaim for overlay 40th Street SE; Bonding Coating (Ultra Thin Bonding Coat) for 50th Avenue SE & 45th Avenue SE; Double Chip Coating over Gravel on 65th Street SE & 55th Avenue SE. He also showed a map of the road conditions within the township. The board is working on bids for this spring to complete 35th Avenue SE; 65th Avenue SE & 40th Street SE.

BUDGET

Eric Meyer talked to the residents about the budget and what was presented in the handout packet. He made the comment that we are in the middle of the levy rates with all of the other townships in the County. After discussion on this, Bruce Hentges made a motion to approve and accept the budget report. Lois Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Then Eric Meyer talked about what the Haven Township Board Recommends for the 2024 Levy. The board recommended keeping the levy the same as last year. After discussion, it was moved by Penny Weihrauch to accept and approve the recommended levy. Laura Light seconded the motion. The motion carried 100% to set the following levy for 2024, payable in 2025:

General Revenue:	\$ 95,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$389,249.00
Fire	<u>\$ 65,751.00</u>
Total Levy	\$550,000.00

GOPHER BOUNTY

It was recommended by Tammy Schefers that the gopher bounty payout for 2023 goes back to \$3.00 per pair of front feet instead of \$4.00. This will keep all the surrounding townships at the same rate of pay for gopher bounty. After discussion on this, Eric Meyer made a motion to recommend setting the gopher bounty fee payout to \$3.00 per pair of front feet for the year 2023. Lois Campbell seconded the recommended motion. The recommended motion carried.

CLEAN-UP DAY

The Annual spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Haven Township Hall. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. It worked out very well last year

with the self-unloading that the board will continue the same process for this year. A Spring Newsletter will be sent out with more details.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Meyer talked about working with or hiring a young adult or teen intern from Haven Township to help with the technology areas within the township. Eric Meyer asked to please spread the word and if there is an interested person looking for this opportunity, please reach out to him.

Tammy Schefers welcomed and introduced the new appointed Haven Township Treasurer, Viki Monroe. She is a Haven Township resident who is willing to be involved with the township as the Treasurer.

Tammy Schefers also talked about the We Are Water Exhibit that will be held at the Sherburne History Center in Becker, MN till April 24, 2023. There is a World Water Day Open House that will be held at the History Center as well on March 22, 2023. Information for that is on the web-site and in the packet that was handed out to the residents.

Eric Meyer made the comment that Haven Township updated the website. Please go to the website: **Haventwp.org** towards the bottom to subscribe for Township Alerts, Notifications, News, Agendas and Minutes that can be sent to keep you up on all of the current events that will be happening within the township.

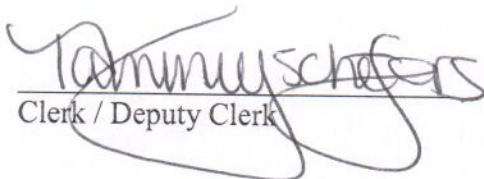
It was also stated that everyone is welcome to attend the Haven Township Monthly Board Meetings the 3rd Monday of Every Month except in January & February it would be the 4th Monday.

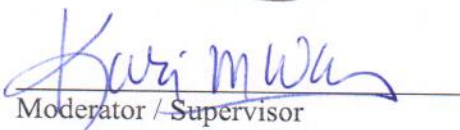
SET TIME & DATE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

2024 Annual Meeting – Penny Weihrauch made a motion to set the time and date for the next Annual Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 and start at 7:00 p.m. Lisa Hooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Eric Meyer seconded by Kari Watkins that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


Clerk / Deputy Clerk


Moderator / Supervisor

Note: These Minutes need to be approved at the 2024 Haven Township Annual Meeting by the Residents