

Collegeville Township Annual Meeting Minutes for 2013

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013 Collegeville Township held it's annual meeting at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Clerk Joe Pohl at 8:00pm.

Arnie Hamann nominated Bob Simon as the meeting moderator, seconded by Allen Eisenschenk, motion carried.

Clerk Pohl read the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting. Cheryl Foster motioned to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Galen Kabe, motion carried.

Moderator Simon presented the year-end financial report. Total balance of all funds at the end of 2012 was \$283,389.11. Stan Hanson motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Dan Kron, motion carried.

Moderator Simon presented the proposed Levy for taxes payable in 2014.

General Revenue	\$70,000
Snow Fund	\$15,000
Development Ordinance	\$ -0-
Fire Fund	\$95,000
Road and Bridge	\$388,000
Capital Improvement	\$32,000
Green Space Fund	\$ -0-

Total	\$600,000

Discussions were made on the increase of the Road and Bridge fund from last year's Levy. Discussions were also made on the proposed road improvement project for Island Lake Road. Moderator Simon gave a report on Bonding for reconstruction of Island Lake Road (4.2 miles) based on preliminary cost estimates furnished by MN Engineering & Construction. The Town Board has received verbal approval of \$1.1 million from First National Bank of Cold Spring. The term would be 10 years at an interest rate of approximately 3.5%. The Township newsletter (Exhibit A) was mailed to over 850 property owners outlining real estate tax increases if project is approved. Stan Hanson spoke in favor of doing the entire project at once, since asphalt costs will only increase. No resident spoke against project. Brother Benedict Leuther, Corporate Treasurer of Order of St. Benedict spoke and said he is in favor of the project. St. Johns Abbey and St. Johns University will provide some financial support. The Town Board will contact another bonding firm to obtain an additional financing quote.

Galen Kabe motioned to approve Levy for General Revenue fund of \$70,000, seconded by Arnie Hamann, motion carried.

Linus Heinen motioned to approve Levy for Snow fund of \$15,000, seconded by Cheryl Foster, motion carried.

Cheryl Foster motioned to approve Levy for Fire fund of \$95,000, seconded by Dan Kron, motion carried.

Darwin Schwantes motioned to approve Levy for Capital Improvement fund of \$32,000, seconded by Arnie Hamann, motion carried.

Ken Hanson motioned to approve Levy for Road and Bridge fund of \$388,000, seconded by Galen Kabe, motion carried.

Clerk Pohl presented the Township election results:

Office of Supervisor (3 year term)	Votes:
Eldred Ruegemer	56

Office of Treasurer (2 year term)	Votes:
Bob Simon	57

Write-Ins:

Supervisor:

David Dingmann	1
Ken Hanson	1
Mike Kmitch	1
Tom Jonas	1

Treasurer:

Gary Pflueger	1
John Hooper	1

Arnie Hamann motioned to retain the Cold Spring Record and the Township Website as the official posting methods, seconded by Cheryl Foster, motion carried.

Milan Foster motioned to keep the poll hours from 1:00pm to 8:00pm for the 2014 Annual Election, seconded by Chuck Lauer, motion carried.

Moderator Simon presented call volumes and budget information from the various fire departments.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.

Ron Blum motioned to authorize the Town Board to expend funds from the General Revenue fund to recognize retirees, volunteers, and special service efforts, seconded by Joy Hamann, motion carried.

Bill Champa was present to give input on his request to have the Town Board develop a dog noise ordinance.

Arnie Hamann motioned to adjourn at 9:58pm, seconded by Chuck Lauer, motion carried.

Moderator

Date

Clerk

Date