

**Perham Township
Annual Meeting Agenda
March 14th, 2023**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Shawn Sweere, Stanley Marotz, Barb Felt, Duane Altstadt, Marie Ashland, Mary Schmidt, Michelle Kunza, Glen Olsen, Jon Stabler, Betty Stabler, XXXX

NOMINATIONS FOR MODERATOR: Several nominations for Moderator were received. Final motion by Barb Felt to have Shawn Sweere moderate the meeting was heard.

Motion: Barb Felt **Second:** Stanley Marotz **Carried:** yes

ANNUAL MINUTES READ: The Annual Minutes from 2022 were read.

Motion: Marie Ashland **Second:** Glen Olsen **Carried:** yes

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Presented by Duane Altstadt, Treasurer

Motion: Stanley Marotz **Second:** Barb Felt **Carried:** yes

Hospital Report: The hospital Annual report was shared to the Board by Richard Richter prior to the meeting. It were reviewed to those present by Shawn Sweere.

EMS Report: The EMS Annual report was shared to the Board prior to the meeting. It was reviewed by Barb Felt. Barb attended the Annual EMS meeting and shared key points – the EMS's cash on hand is down 34%, lift assists are now being charged to patients, The EMS is down two paramedics, the Director of EMS has put in his resignation, Barb Felt is the new EMS Chairperson. There was discussion on the current billing process and the PSA laws.

Fire Report: The Fire Annual report was shared to the Board prior to the meeting. Barb Felt reviewed highlights to those present. There are 27 Service People on the Fire Department, in 2022 there were a total of 608 paid training hours, there were 1888 paid calls. Perham Township will pay \$35,348.00 to the Fire Department in 2023.

Road Report: Presented by Stanley Marotz, Supervisor. Roads the Board will focus on this year are 450th Ave south of Perham, Harvest Avenue, 450th St from the new addition to Cty 80. There was discussion on using traffic counters this road to see if the County will assist in rebuild. Blading was hard last summer due to dry weather. Perham Township rebuilt 460th Ave, re-paved Fort Thunder, saved money on snow removal by closing the center of MN Ave. There was discussion on using crushed concrete and/or crushed asphalt for future road tests.

Discussion on creating an Annexation Agreement with the City of Perham. There was discussion on implementing an Annexation Agreement with the City of Perham. The history of annexations was discussed and what options townships have. The Board will look into this further.

Levy Discussion for 2023: There was discussion on upcoming costs for the Township, increasing material costs, and building a better 'cushion' to be able to manage costs in the Township. Jon Stabler made a motion to raise the Levy from \$345,00 (2022) to \$431,000.

Motion: Jon Stabler

Second: Glen Olsen

Carried: yes

Authorized Town Hall location for 2023: Perham Township is still in a lease with Wasche Trust on the present location for the Townhall.

Authorized newspaper for 2023: Motion made to have Perham Focus be the authorized newspaper for 2023.

Motion: Marie Ashland

Second: Barb Felt

Carried: yes

Authorized bank depository for 2023: Motion made to have United Community Bank be the authorized bank for 2023.

Motion: Duane Altstadt Jr

Second: Jon Stabler

Carried: yes

Donation Requests:

The following have submitted requests via letter to be presented to the Perham Township

Perham Center for the Arts

Prospect House/Civil War Museum

EOT Ag Society on behalf of EOT County Fair

Perham Public Library

History, Arts, and Cultural Assoc. of EOTC

Otter Tail County Historical Society

Boy Scout Troop 32/Lights in the Pines

The above donation requests were presented either by a representative or in person. A motion was made by Jon Stabler to set the donation amount for Perham Township at \$5500.00. There was discussion on the amount. Marie Ashland made a counter motion to set the donation amount for Perham Township at \$7000.00.

Motion: Marie Ashland

Second: Glen Olsen

Carried: yes

The next Annual meeting will be March 24, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Townhall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

