

**Pelican Township Annual Meeting**  
**March 14, 2017**  
**Pelican Rapids Fire Hall**  
**4:00 PM**

Clerk Nelson called the 2017 Pelican Township Annual Meeting to order at 4:00 PM as had been published in the notices, and asked the Board and residents to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Board Members present, Paul Restad, Tom Langseth, Dennis Ouren, Sheila Johnson, and Lloyd Nelson, others present, Everett Ballard, Bill Wells, John Waller

Everett Ballard was elected as Moderator and Lloyd turned the meeting over to him.

Previous Year's Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as read

Treasurer's Report – For Year Ended 2016 was approved as read

Old Business – Lloyd noted that the road vacation at Trigg Beach was accomplished last year after the process was started at the last Annual meeting.

#### New Business

Recap of road projects in 2016 and plans for 2017. Received bid for Golf Course Road resurfacing; Pelican Township share would be ½ of \$78,000. Will need to work with City to determine timing; and funding.

Lloyd presented the recommendation from the Town Board for the Tax Levy, \$180,000. \$125,000 for Road and Bridge, \$19,500 for Fire Fund, and \$35,500 for the General Fund. The levy amounts were determined by reviewing the actual spend in 2016 and the projections for 2017 based upon road projects, elections, balance in accounts, etc.

Tom Langseth moved and Dennis Oursen seconded to set the annual levy at \$180,000. Carried.

Lloyd presented the grant funding requests that had been received from the Otter Tail County Historical Society and the Pelican Rapids Public Library. Lloyd moved and Dennis seconded to recommend funding the Library at \$4,000 and Otter Tail County Historical Society at \$500.00, the same level as last year. Carried.

Other new business – Paul provided a summary of the annual Fire Department meeting. Pelican Township had six fire calls and 95 man hours associated with its expense for 2016. The Department is planning to replace all of the Self Contained Breathing units; each cost approximately \$3000; and 20 units to replace. Also replaced tank on the wildland truck. Will look at getting new tanker truck in 2018. The Fire Department is presently fully staffed and has recently had multiple volunteers for a position.

John Waller provided an update on the Hospital District. The new construction is complete; with 91% occupancy. Would have 100% occupancy, but short staffed at present. Having a difficult time finding staff to work nights. Will not start remodeling existing spaces until they have built up their reserve fund above \$1,000,000. They'll plan to remodel, but don't know when they'll start for sure.

The Board thanked Tom Langseth for his work over the past 17 years. Tom will finish his duties on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and then retire. Lance Haugrud will be taking his place on the Board.

Time and Place for next Annual Meeting – second Tuesday in March, 2018, at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Lloyd Nelson, Clerk