

Pelican Township Annual Meeting
March 13, 2018
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, Lance Haugrud, Dennis Ouren, Sheila Johnson, and Lloyd Nelson, others present, Tyson Wells, John Waller, Don Schoeder, John Field, Joanie Ellison, and Barbara Axness,

John Waller 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 2017 was approved as read

Old Business – none

New Business

Barbara Axness provided an update on the Hospital District.

Paul presented a recap of road projects in 2017 and plans for 2018. Primarily did regular maintenance in 2017; tree trimming; repair of a couple of frost boils; and the Golf Course Road. For 2018; will look to put ditches into roadway by Gummeringers; but first need to move granary in right of way. That will be his responsibility. Don mentioned that the road had been moved years ago – unsure exact time frame – and that's probably why the granary ended up in the location that it's at.

Don questioned the disking that was done on the road shoulders this past year; doesn't think that it was necessary or that it was done properly. John Field mentioned that he had been trained on how to use the equipment and his view is that it wasn't done fast enough or at the correct angle to accomplish what it is intended for. When it came past his place; the disk wasn't even turning. Clearly not what was intended. Board will talk to Wells Road Grading about this for the current year. Goal was to pull gravel back onto the road and shape shoulder. Don said that could all be accomplished via the blade on the grader.

John wanted to know if it was possible to potentially put an elbow on the culvert by his place where there is significant washouts due to farming into the right of way. By redirecting the water, might eliminate some of the problem. Board will look at the issue and see if that might be a solution.

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 2017 and the projections for 2018 based upon road projects, elections, balance in accounts, etc. He noted that the total levy has been at \$180,000 for the past four years, and five out of the last six.

John Waller moved and Don Schroeder 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. Don moved and Joanie 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.

Time and Place for next Annual Meeting – second Tuesday in March, 2019, at 4:00 PM in the Firehall.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Lloyd Nelson, Clerk