

Pelican Township Annual Meeting
March 10, 2020
Pelican Rapids Fire Hall
4:00 PM

Clerk Nelson called the 2020 Pelican Township Annual Meeting to order at 4:00 PM as had been published in the notice and asked the Board and residents to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Board Members present, Paul Restad, Lance Haugrud, Sheila Johnson, and Lloyd Nelson, others present, Trever Steeves

Trever Steeves 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 2019 was approved as printed.

Old Business – Paul discussed the dust guard application in 2019; seemed to work well and was less expensive than anticipated. Will look to apply more to roads in 2020.

New Business

Paul presented a recap of road projects in 2019 and plans for 2020. Already discussed the dust guard treatments, did 12 miles in 2019. Will look to expand and potentially do 20 in 2020. Plan to resurface North Prairie Lake Road, and work on old Fergus Road to bring in new base material to try to address frost boils and surface of the road degradation. Those projects didn't happen last year, so will try to make sure get queued up for 2020.

Trever noted that Burr Oak Hills could use some work this year; several spots where the road had been drilled through associated with the new gas lines that were put in and they need to be patched. Also noted that the City of Pelican will be having roadwork done this year, might be a good time to check with their contractor for paving solutions on North Prairie or other locations.

Lloyd presented the recommendation from the Town Board for the Tax Levy, \$187,500. \$130,000 for Road and Bridge, \$21,000 for Fire Fund, and \$36,500 for the General Fund. The levy amounts were determined by reviewing the actual spend in 2019 and the projections for 2020 based upon road projects, balance in accounts, etc. He noted that the total levy has been at \$180,000 for the past six years without an increase; but with increased costs and more road maintenance, need to increase slightly.

Lance moved and Paul seconded to set the annual levy at \$187,500. Carried.

Lloyd presented the grant funding requests that had been received from the Otter Tail County Historical Society and the Pelican Rapids Public Library. Lance moved and Paul 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. Funding request for Civil War Museum in Battle Lake was not recommended as not in the immediate area. Sheila mentioned she had recently visited the museum and thought it was very good; but agreed that it didn't seem like something the Pelican Township taxpayers should fund.

Time and Place for next Annual Meeting – second Tuesday in March 2021, at 4:00 PM in the Firehall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Lloyd Nelson, Clerk