

**Pelican Township Annual Meeting**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**Pelican Rapids Fire Hall**  
**4:00 PM**

Clerk Nelson called the 2023 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, Brady Ballard, Lance Haugrud, Sheila Johnson, Mitchell Egge and Lloyd Nelson, others present, Don Schroeder, Tyson Wells and Steve Toso.

Mitchell Egge 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 2022 was approved as presented.

Old Business – Reviewed the North Prairie Lake Road project; plan will be to finish the project in 2023. Had some patching done in 2022, but need to get the second lift on.

New Business

Mitchell presented a recap of road projects in 2022 and plans for 2023 noting the primary project on North Prairie Lake Road and smaller projects to fix trouble spots. Discussion on dust guard and graveling on the Township roads.

Residents would like to see more gravel on the roads and to get to the point where we're covering 1/3 of township every year and then covering spots for the rest. Also, would like to see the dust guard program come back as it seemed to be working pretty well.

Discussion on intersection on Skunk Hill Road – wanted to know if stop sign could be removed at the tee. Really can't remove the stop sign, but should make sure to sand/salt to enable people to get started again at the intersection. Board mentioned to Tyson Wells to sand/salt that area – even if in the City of Pelican.

Lloyd presented the recommendation from the Town Board for the Tax Levy, \$225,000 which is a 7.14% increase over last year. \$165,000 for Road and Bridge, \$18,500 for Fire Fund, and \$41,500 for the General Fund. The levy amounts were determined by reviewing the actual spend in 2022 and the projections for 2023/24 based upon road projects, balance in accounts, etc. With the significant expenditure on North Prairie Lake Road and increases expenses in general, need to bring in some additional funds to cover costs and start to build a reserve backup. Don't want to move too far too fast, so will see how this year fares and continue to evaluate our financial condition.

Based on discussion, it was thought that the budget for Road and Bridge should be increased. Noted that we increased the levy \$15,000 last year, and proposed another \$15,000 this year. With the need for increased gravel, Don Shroeder moved to increase the total levy amount to \$230,000, Sheila Johnson seconded, carried. The road and bridge levy amount was increased to \$170,000. Total levy increased 9.52% over 2022.

Lloyd presented the grant funding requests that had been received from the Otter Tail County Historical Society and the Pelican Rapids Public Library. Discussion that would like to see increased funding for the library, but as we have increased costs for maintenance and other expenses feel it should remain at the same level for now. Sheila moved and Brady seconded to recommend funding the Library at \$4,000 and Otter Tail County Historical Society at \$500.00, the same level as previous years. Carried.

Time and Place for next Annual Meeting – second Tuesday in March 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Firehall. Trying an alternative time to see if we have more township residents who are able to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Lloyd Nelson, Clerk