

Summary of the 2017 Normanna Annual Meeting Minutes

The Normanna Annual Meeting was called to order on March 14, 2017, by Paul Hanson, at 8:15 p.m., at the Normanna Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Moderator: Nominations were opened by Hanson for a Moderator of the Annual Meeting. Robert Spehar was nominated and accepted. The call for nominations were declared three times afterwards. With no other nominations, Hanson called for a vote. Robert Spehar was elected unanimously as the moderator.

Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Dennis Gunsolus to accept and waive the reading of last year's annual meeting minutes and seconded by Marcia Stromgren. This motion passed unanimously.

Report of 2016 Receipts and Disbursements: P. Hanson reported that the summary of receipts and disbursements report were available to read at this meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by Marcia Stromgren, and seconded by Leslie Peterson. This motion carried unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: P. Hanson reported that the Clerk/Treasurer E. Hanson was at Lakewood training her new assistant to cover the annual meeting. Copies of her report were available for the public to read.

Fire Department Report: Copies of the Fire Department report were made available for the public to read. Eric Norland presented the report at this meeting.

Building and Grounds Report: Copies of the report were available for the public to read. Supervisor Dan Johnson presented the Building and Grounds Report at this meeting.

Road and Bridges Report: Copies of the report were available for the public to read. Supervisor Dan Johnson presented the Road and Bridges Report at this meeting.

Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative: Supervisor Kimberly Grubb presented the Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative Report at this meeting.

2017 Election Results: A total of 103 township resident votes were cast. Supervisor (3 year term)

Dennis Gunsolus = 79; Clark Peterson = 24; Write-ins = 0; Blank-votes = 0.

Setting of the 2018 Levy Amounts: Supervisor Dan Johnson presented the proposed 2018 Normanna Township Levy amounts. They were: General Fund = \$15,000, Fire Department Fund = \$32,500, Roads and Bridges Fund = \$25,500, Building Fund = \$0, Cemetery Fund = \$1,000, Impress Fund = \$200; total proposed is \$74,200.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed

levy amount for the **General Fund** of \$15,000. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Diane Spehar to accept the proposed levy amount for the **Fire Department Fund** of \$32,500. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dennis Gunsolus and seconded by Joel Beilke to accept the proposed levy amount for the **Roads and Bridges Fund** of \$25,500. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Diane Spehar and seconded by Leslie Peterson to accept the proposed levy amount for the **Building Fund** of \$0. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marcia Stromgren and seconded by Joel Beilke to accept the proposed levy amount for the **Cemetery Fund** of \$1,000. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Leslie Peterson and seconded by Clark Peterson to accept the proposed levy amount for the **Impress Fund** of \$200. This motion passed unanimously.

The total 2018 levy is \$74,200.

Petitions from the Floor: 1. Mark Anderson thanked the Supervisors for their governance. 2. Marcia Stromgren talked about the South St. Louis County tree sale. 3. Dan Johnson reported on the Watershed Advisory Committee. Reports were available for the public to read. 4. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held in May. 5. Discussion on noxious

weeds treatment. 6. The Election Judges were thanked for their service. 7. The moderator was thanked for his service. 8. The volunteer workers were thanked. 9. Gunsolus recognized Commissioner Rukavina for his assistance with the land sale.

Set Time and Place for the 2018 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Dennis Gunsolus to hold the 2018 Normanna Township Annual Meeting at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Town Hall unless it is a snow day and the election will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Joel Beilke and seconded by Julie Johnson at 9:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.



Vote Tuesday, March 13th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Normanna Town Hall for Town Supervisor and Town Clerk/Treasurer.

2015-2018 Approved Levies and 2019 Proposed Levy

Fund	Approved 2015	Approved 2016	Approved 2017	Approved 2018	Proposed 2019
General Fund	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$23,000
Fire Department Fund	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$32,500	\$29,000
Road & Bridge Fund	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$25,500	\$30,000
Building Fund	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Impress Fund	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Total Levy	\$76,000	\$87,200	\$75,000	\$74,200	\$83,000

Current Balances 01/31/2018	
Fund	Balance
General	\$25,000.71
Fire Department	\$29,723.94
Road & Bridge	\$8,812.66
Building	\$12,353.77
Cemetery	\$1,983.28
Impress	\$179.20
Total	\$78,053.56

2018 Annual Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 13th, 2018; 8:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Moderator
4. 2018 Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Clerk's Report
7. Fire Department Report
8. Building & Grounds Report
9. Road & Bridge Report
10. Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative
11. 2018 Election Results
12. Set Levy for 2019
13. Petitions from the Floor
14. Set time & place for the 2019 Annual meeting
(March 12, 2019)
16. Adjournment

Notice of Annual Township Election, Meeting & Board of Canvass

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Normanna Township, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Election and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect: 1 - Supervisor for a 3 year term and 1 - Clerk/Treasurer for a 2 year term. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the Normanna Town Hall, 6472 French River Road, Duluth MN.

The Board of Canvass will meet on March 13, 2018 after the annual township meeting to certify the official election results.

2017 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for Normanna Township

Town of Normanna

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1)

2/25/2018

As on 12/31/2017

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	33,601.61	16,635.29	0.00	0.00	17,760.08	0.00	0.00	32,476.82	0.00	32,476.82
Road and Bridge	18,471.35	20,830.54	0.00	0.00	30,749.48	0.00	0.00	8,552.41	0.00	8,552.41
Building	16,727.30	5,424.81	0.00	0.00	9,885.00	0.00	0.00	12,267.11	0.00	12,267.11
Cemetery	(1,805.23)	5,451.85	0.00	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	1,896.62	0.00	1,896.62
Fire Department	29,559.63	40,154.22	0.00	0.00	29,696.28	0.00	0.00	40,017.57	0.00	40,017.57
Impress Fund	311.75	1.27	0.00	0.00	133.82	0.00	0.00	179.20	0.00	179.20
Total :	96,866.41	88,497.98	0.00	0.00	89,974.66	0.00	0.00	95,389.73	0.00	95,389.73

FORESTRY INFORMATION

We recently had an application to our land that has just been completed which included: removal of dead and dying trees from spruce budworm, some from blowdown and others from mature forest stands. Many property owners were affected by the blowdown in 2016 and still have areas that need attention due to the potential of being a fire hazard if any type of wildfire (this has happened in the past) were to start.

Landowners may contact the USDA-NRCS below to inquire about eligibility. Small tracts are usually not accepted but if a collective of adjacent landowners were to seek help, they may be granted an application.

“A well maintained forest is a healthy forest.” It is also an asset should you decide to sell your property in the future.

Marcia Stromgren

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

·US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

·NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners looking to address conservation needs on their property

·All NRCS assistance is provided at no cost to the landowner (except their taxes)

·NRCS provides a very wide range of conservation assistance, including forestry work

·Forestry projects can include one or more of the projects listed below – this is not all inclusive:

- Regeneration of mature forest stands
- Regeneration of mature alder/brushy areas (generally mowing or sheering)
- Removal of dead and dying balsam fir impacted by spruce budworm
- Removal of dead and dying trees as a result of a storm event (blow down)
- Forest openings for wildlife
- Tree and/or shrub planting
- Tree and/or shrub pruning
- Riparian forest buffers

- Development of Forest Management Plans (similar to Forest Stewardship Plans, but more specific)
- Forest stand improvement through thinning and/or release
- Installation of windbreaks, shelterbelts, and living snow-fences
- Invasive species control

Most of the work we do in the region I cover is related to forest health, streams, and wildlife habitat.

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South St. Louis County Tree Sales Information

Order Deadline: April 13, 2018

Time to order trees and shrubs for reforestation on your land from your local Soil and Water District. Order early for full selection and check the website if ordering after March 1st for availability before ordering. Popular items sell out quickly. Go to www.southstlouisswcd.org to view the list of trees and shrubs available for purchase and a description of each.

Questions? Our website answers common questions but still in doubt? Contact our office at 218-723-4867 info@southstlouisswcd.org or check us out on facebook.com/southstlouisswcd

Reasons for planting trees and shrubs: added value to your property, soil and water conservation practices, wildlife and bird habitat, soil erosion prevention, energy conservation and added beauty are just a few.

If you have open land alongside roadways think about planting Living Snow Fences for useful windbreaks and to prevent snow blowing over the roadway and causing a road hazard.

We now offer an opportunity to split an order with others. Just go to our facebook page to find a Seedling Share buying partner at Facebook.com/southstlouisswcd or call 218-723-4867 for more information.


Normanna Newsletter
6472 French River Road
Duluth, MN 55804



Rewarding Volunteer Experience.
Join the Normanna Fire Department.

The Next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department	Normanna Town Board	DNR Fire Wardens
Jeff Cooke-Chief (525-7159)	Dan Johnson-Chair (525-0155)	Jeff Cooke (525-7159)
Thomas Fitzgerald-Asst. Chief	Roads & Bridges	Dennis Gunsolus (525-1526)
Cassandra Pohl-Secretary/Treasurer	Fire Department Liaison	Bill Prudhomme (348-3584)
	Dennis Gunsolus-Vice Chair (525-1526)	Dick Story (525-4052)
	Land Use Committee Chair	Everett Swartz (525-1073)
Normanna Newsletter	Kimberly Grubb-Supervisor (349-3539)	
Ellen Hanson-Editor (409-1999)	Buildings & Grounds	
The Newsletter is published irregularly.	Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative Rep.	
	Ellen Hanson-Clerk/Treasurer (409-1999)	



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