

Summary of the 2016 Normanna Annual Meeting Minutes

The Normanna Annual Meeting was called to order on March 8, 2016, by Paul Hanson, Deputy Clerk, 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 Deputy Clerk 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, Deputy Clerk Hanson called for a vote. Spehar was elected unanimously as the moderator.

Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Marcia Stromgren to accept and waive the reading of last year's annual meeting minutes and seconded by Diane Spehar, with the amendment that future minutes should reflect the full election results vote count, amendment accepted. This motion passed unanimously.

Report of 2015 Receipts and Disbursements: Deputy Clerk P. Hanson reported that the summary of receipts and disbursements report was available to read at this meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented by Deputy Clerk Hanson, was made by Marcia Stromgren, and seconded by Diane Spehar. This motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Deputy Clerk P.

Hanson reported that Clerk/Treasurer E. Hanson is grateful for the support received from the Town Board and township residents, and that all is well with the township.

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. Supervisors Dan Johnson and Dennis Gunsolus presented the Building and Grounds Report at this meeting. Gunsolus reported on the Fall 2015 break-in, and that the damage to the entry door was repaired. Additionally, Gunsolus reported that the building siding project will be conducted this year. Johnson reported that there will be landscaping work done this coming summer on the grounds. Also, Johnson reported that the township graveyard may expand in the future, and that a new fence may be constructed along the roadway.

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. Supervisor Johnson reported that most likely this Spring will be hard on gravel roads because Fall 2015 grading had to be curtailed due to the weather. A township road inspection will occur this coming April.

Cloquet Valley Internet Initia-

tive: Supervisor Kimberly Grubb presented the Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative Report at this meeting. There will be no fiber optic expansion this coming year due to funding. CLP Internet lost the 700 MHz licensed frequency and some residents lost their internet connection. CLP still operates the unlicensed frequency and still provides internet to many township residents.

2016 Election Results: A total of 28 township resident votes were cast. Supervisor (3 year term) Dan Johnson = 27, Write-ins = 1; Clerk/Treasurer (2 year term) Ellen Hanson = 26, Blank-votes = 2.

Setting of the 2017 Levy Amounts: Supervisor Dan Johnson presented the proposed 2017 Normanna Township Levy amounts. They were: General Fund = \$15,000, Fire Department Fund = \$35,000, Roads and Bridges Fund = \$15,000, Building Fund = \$5,000, Cemetery Fund = \$5,000, Impress Fund = \$0.

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 Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed levy amount for the Fire Department Fund of \$35,000. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed levy amount for the Road and Bridges Fund of \$15,000. This

motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed levy amount for the Building Fund of \$5,000. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed levy amount for the Cemetery Fund of \$5,000. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Marcia Stromgren to accept the proposed levy amount for the Impress Fund of \$0. This motion passed unanimously.

The total 2017 levy is \$75,000.

Petitions from the Floor: Marcia Stromgren stated that the Normanna Newsletter is published inconsistently. Supervisor Grubb reported that a decision was made by the Township Board to publish in an as-needed manner instead of a regular schedule.

Set Time and Place for the 2017 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Sandy Cooke and seconded by Diane Spehar to hold the 2017 Normanna Township Annual Meeting at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 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.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

2014-2017 Approved Levies and 2018 Proposed Levy

Fund	Approved 2014	Approved 2015	Approved 2016	Approved 2017	Proposed 2018
General Fund	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Fire Department Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$32,500
Road & Bridge Fund	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$25,500
Building Fund	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
Impress Fund	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Total Levy	\$76,200	\$76,000	\$87,200	\$75,000	\$73,700

2017 Annual Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 14th, 2017; 8:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Moderator
4. 2016 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. 2017 Election Results
12. Set Levy for 2018
13. Petitions from the Floor
14. Set time & place for the 2017 Annual meeting
(March 13, 2018)
16. Adjournment

Current Balances 01/31/2017

Fund	Balance
General	\$29,476.96
Fire Department	\$25,702.26
Road & Bridge	\$18,875.79
Building	\$16,542.14
Cemetery	(\$1,765.66)
Impress	\$313.02
Total	\$89,144.51

The Normanna Town Board is happy to inform you that, after six months of contentious battle, our township was successful in maintaining the conservation status of 25 acres in our Island Lake Memorial Forest. At the public hearing on December 20, 2016 the St. Louis County Board decided by a vote of 4-3 in our favor. The two county offices, St. Louis County Planning and St. Louis County Land & Minerals, along with County Commissioner Frank Jewell had pushed hard to reclassify and sell the 25 acres to a commercial outfitting business. Fortunately, Commissioners Rukavina, Nelson, Stauber and Dahlberg felt that the wishes of the residents of Normanna Township to maintain the land in it's natural state was more important than reclassification and sale for development. Commissioners Jewell, Rauker and Boyle voted for the sale. Without the exceptional efforts of the land use committee and the Normanna officials the sale and development would certainly have occurred. Thank you residents for your efforts and support towards maintaining the conservation status in Normanna.

2016 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for Normanna Township

Town of Normanna

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances (Schedule 1)

1/23/2017

As on 12/31/2016

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Sale of Investments	Transfers In	Disbursements	Purchase of Investments	Transfers Out	Ending Balance	Investment Balance	Total Balance
General Fund	27,262.04	29,029.20	0.00	0.00	21,985.10	0.00	704.53	33,601.61	0.00	33,601.61
Road and Bridge	37,017.94	26,347.94	0.00	0.00	44,894.53	0.00	0.00	18,471.35	0.00	18,471.35
Building	20,694.46	5,072.84	0.00	0.00	9,040.00	0.00	0.00	16,727.30	0.00	16,727.30
Cemetery	3,284.40	5,633.04	0.00	0.00	7,137.52	0.00	3,585.15	(1,805.23)	0.00	(1,805.23)
Fire Department	22,483.61	38,925.50	0.00	4,289.68	36,139.16	0.00	0.00	29,559.63	0.00	29,559.63
Impress Fund	148.13	248.90	0.00	0.00	85.28	0.00	0.00	311.75	0.00	311.75
Total :	110,890.58	105,257.42	0.00	4,289.68	119,281.59	0.00	4,289.68	96,866.41	0.00	96,866.41



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 14, 2017. 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. 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 14, 2017 after the annual township meeting to certify the official election results.

Official Ballot

Judge Judge

Saint Louis County State of Minnesota March 14, 2017

Town Election Ballot
Town of Normanna, Minnesota
March 14, 2017

Instructions to Voters:
 To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

Town Offices

Town Supervisor
 Vote for One

Dennis Gunsolus
 Clark H. Peterson
 Write-In

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The Next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2017 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 (626-5162)	Buildings & Grounds	
The Newsletter is published irregularly.	Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative Rep.	
	Ellen Hanson-Clerk/Treasurer (626-5162)	



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