

Rochester Township
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Jeff Orth at 8:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The supervisor called for the nomination of a moderator from the floor. Douglas Butler nominated Denny Bowe. There were no other nominations, Denny Bowe was appointed.

Denny Bowe asked for the approval of the 2019 annual meeting minutes. Brian Scheinhoa made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Norman Olson seconded the motion; the motion was voted on and passed.

Jeff Orth reviewed the 2019 Board of Audit for the residents and stated that the records will also be reviewed by the outside audit firm of Smith and Schafer, Inc. as this is a State of Minnesota requirement.

Jeff Orth reviewed the 2019 Treasurer's report. Norman Olson made a motion to approve the 2019 Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Brian Scheinhoa; the motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Brian Scheinhoa to set the Annual Meeting date for 2021 for Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Sally Bates; the motion was voted on and passed.

Rochester Fire Department Chief Eric Kerska provided an update on the Fire Service provided to the Rochester Township by the Rochester Fire Department. This included information on the response times of trucks and manpower provided by the Department. Further discussion included the value to our residents of the high level of service and how that translates into low home owner's insurance costs.

The annual Township Picnic was discussed. Township Supervisor Douglas Butler provided an overview of the event held in August. Brian Scheinhoa made a motion to hold the picnic on August 13, 2020 with a budget of \$650.00. Brad Lewis seconded the motion; the motion was voted on and passed.

Township Supervisor Jamie Neisen provided an update on the Rochester Township Website.

Township Supervisor Jeff Orth presented the proposed budget and levy for 2021 for \$1,066,527. The proposed budget and levy was discussed. Norman Olson made a

motion to approve the proposed budget and levy of \$1,066,527. Brian Scheinhoa seconded the motion; the motion was voted on and passed.

Deputy Tracy Pagel reported on the activities in Rochester Township. Additionally, Tracy introduced Deputy Dean Thompson as her replacement as she is rotating to another duty station. Deputy Thompson provided an overview of his experience as a Deputy for Olmsted County and is currently working with Tracy to become acquainted with his new position.

Mark Cochran reported on the snow plowing and various road concerns in the Township. Discussion included the timing of road overlays and seal coating in the Township. Further discussion included: Mail box replacements, the snow policy, road work, placement of garbage cans, right of way concerns, road work completed in 2020, storm water management challenges, and opened up discussion for questions from Township Residents.

Township Supervisor Jamie Neisen provided an overview of the Rochester Township Planning Commission activities in the Township. This overview also included current and proposed large lot developments in the township.

Township Supervisor Jamie Neisen provided an update on the TCPA (Township Planning and Zoning) entity which operates in the Rochester Town Hall. This update included an overview of their plans to expand their offices in the Town Hall to provide more space for TCPA. The proposed cost of the additional Rochester Township Hall construction and remodeling to be paid by the TCPA with a long term lease with the Rochester Township.

A motion to set the Gopher Bounty for 2021 at \$4.00 per gopher was made by Brian Scheinhoa. Norman Olson seconded the motion; the motion was voted on and passed.

Township Supervisor Jamie Neisen indicated the results of the 2020 Township Elected would be announced at the regular monthly Rochester Township meeting to be held Thursday March 12, 2020.

Brian Scheinhoa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50PM. Normal Olson seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Orth, Rochester Township Supervisor

Moderator Denny Bowe

Clerk / Treasurer Randy Staver