

POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP 126TH, ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 8TH, 2022 AT 8:15

Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim called the 126th Annual Meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. and the Pledge of allegiance was said. Clerk Belsheim welcomed everyone to the meeting and went on to explain that she would be calling for a motion for a Moderator three times. Clerk Belsheim further explained that the residents in attendance would be voting on taxing themselves this evening for the year 2023 by voting for the monies for the different Township Funds. The Clerk also asked for everyone to make sure that they signed the sign in sheet on the table up front, and there are copies of the agenda and financials on the table.

MODERATOR

Clerk Belsheim at this time asked for nominations for the Moderator of the 126th Annual Meeting. Gordy Johnson **motioned**; Jason Zastera seconded to nominate Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim as the moderator. The Clerk asked a second and third time for other nominations and hearing none, Clerk Belsheim then called for a vote on the motion for the Moderator of tonight's meeting. All in favor motion carried.

MEEETING GUIDELINES

Clerk Belsheim read the guidelines that would be followed for this evening's meeting. Dave Deutschlander **motioned**; Tom Howard seconded to adopt the written guidelines for tonight's meeting. All in favor motioned carried.

AGENDA

Terry Peterson **motioned**; Pauline Royce seconded to approve the agenda as written. All in favor motioned carried.

2021 ANNAUL MEETING MINUTES

Terry Peterson **motioned**; Tom Howard seconded to approve the Minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting as written. All in favor motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS

At this time Head Election Judge Tori Sigurdson came forward and read the results for the Supervisor B position which were, Dean Swenson received 83 votes and Tom Brytowski received 71 votes. Total votes were 154.

2023 LEVY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. General Revenue - Chairman David Deutschlander gave a brief report on the General Revenue Fund. David Deutschlander **motioned**; Gordy Johnson seconded to set the Levy for 2023 for the General Fund at \$80,000. All in favor motioned carried.

2. Road & Bridge Fund - Road Supervisor Jason Zastera gave a brief report on the Road & Bridge Fund. Jason Zastera **motioned**; Dave Deutschlander seconded to set the Levy for 2023 Road & Bridge Fund at \$245,000. All in favor motion carried.
3. Equipment Fund - Assistant Road Supervisor Wayne Whited gave a brief report on the Equipment Fund. Wayne Whited **motioned**; Gordy Johnson seconded to set the Levy for 2023 for the Equipment fund at \$10,000. All in favor motioned carried.
4. Zoning Department - Planning Commission Supervisor Terry Peterson gave a brief report on the Zoning Department Fund. Terry Peterson **motioned**; Wayne Whited seconded to set the Levy for 2023 for the Zoning Fund at \$20,000.00. All in favor motion carried.
5. Fire Protection - Terry Peterson gave a brief report on the Fire Protection. In his report he stated that we have not paid for our fire protection for 2021. Due to negotiating with the City of Pine City on the current fire contract amount. He went on to say we had the Fire Chief and City Administrator attend Regular Board Meetings. There is still confusion on the Fire Contract amounts. He also stated that some of our supervisors and other supervisors from surrounding townships attending a meeting with the City of Pine City. Again, getting different amounts. Mark DuCharme spoke and mentioned he attended the meeting with the City of Pine City and was more confused when he left the meeting. It is suggested we raise the Levy from \$150,000 to \$160,000 due to rising cost of the Fire Protection and uncertainty of our future Fire Contracts. Mark Ducharme **motioned**; Tom Howard seconded to set the Levy for 2023 for Fire Protection at \$160,000.00. All in favor motion carried.
6. Shop Building Construction - Chairman Dave Deutschlander gave a brief report on the Shop Building Construction Fund. Dave Deutschlander **motioned**; Wayne Whited seconded to set the Levy for 2023 Shop Building Fund for \$20,000.00. All in favor motion carried.
7. Sewer – Sewer Supervisor Dean Swenson gave a brief report on the Pokegama Public Sewer System. Dean stated that everything is going well on the sewer and thanked LJJ Wastewater Management for their care of our public sewer system. He then mentioned we extended our sewer system out on Birchview using our ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money. Lastly, added we will be doing two more extensions this year on Audrey Gayle and Canaville.

DONATIONS

Moderator Christy Belsheim explained the total amount from last year for donations were \$5,300 which is \$1.88 per person. She then stated that we did not receive requests from Pine City Summer Recreation, Pokegama Lake Association, Youth Firearm Safety Program. Pauline Royce asked for a request for Pokegama Lake Association, Kenny Behrens asked for request for Youth Firearms Safety Program, Dave Deutschlander asked for request for Pine City Summer Recreation.

1. Gordy Johnson **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to donate \$600.00 to Family Pathways. All in favor motioned carried.
2. Dave Deutschlander **motioned**; Dean Swenson seconded to donate \$500.00 to Pine County Historical Society. All in favor motioned carried.
3. Dean Swenson **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to donate \$500.00 to Seven County Senior Federation. All in favor motion carried.
4. Dave Deutschlander **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to donate \$500.00 to Pine City Summer recreation. All in favor motion carried.

5. Dave Deutschlander **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to Pine Center for Arts. All in favor motion carried.
6. Dean Swenson **motioned**; Pauline Royce seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to Pokegama Lake Association. All in favor motion carried.
7. Kenny Behrens **motioned**; Pauline Royce seconded to donate \$700.00 to Youth Firearm Safety Program. All in favor motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Pauline Royce **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to approve the Financials as provided by the Township Clerk and the Treasurer. All in favor motioned carried.

SET THE DATE FOR 2023 TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Mark DuCharme **motioned**; Terry Peterson seconded to set the date for 2023 Township Election for March 14th, 2023. All in favor motion carried.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR THE 127TH ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

Mark DuCharme **motioned**; Kenny Behrens seconded to set the 127th Annual Township Meeting March 14th, 2023 at 8:15 p.m. All in favor motion carried.

REMINDERS

1. Regular Town Board Meetings/2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
2. Planning Commission Meetings/3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
3. Sewer Committee meeting/1st Wednesday of the months of March, June, September and December at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Gordy Johnson **motioned**; Terry Peterson seconded to adjourn the 126th Annual Pokegama Township Meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by:



Christy Belsheim
Administrative Clerk
Pokegama Township