

BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP
RECONVENING OF ANNUAL MEETING FROM MARCH 10, 2021
BAY LAKE TOWN HALL BUILDING AND
AUGUST 3, 2021

The Reconvening of the Annual meeting of the Township was called to order at 7:00 pm by Justin Smith. Six voters were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justin Smith.

A motion was made by Don Hales and seconded by Becky Miller to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The March 10, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes were read by Carol Pundt, Clerk. A motion was made by Becky Miller and seconded by John Enright to approve the minutes as read. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The March 9, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes to reconvene the Annual Meeting to August 3, 2021 were read by Carol Pundt, Clerk. A motion was made by Don Hales and seconded by Becky Miller to approve the minutes as read. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RaeJean Anderson, Deputy Treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report. Year ending balance was \$464,716.10.

Fire Contract: Bay Lake Township is service by two fire departments. Deerwood Fire Department serves the North half of the Township. Garrison Fire Department serves the South half of the Township. Don Hales explained to those in attendance the Township levies what the contract charges will be for the coming year. Don Hales also read off services provided by the Deerwood Fire Department. Both fire departments had annual reports included in the hand out packets to those in attendance. Don Hales also explained to the group the importance of having a driveway clear from trees and shrubbery so fire trucks can have access to properties when there is a fire or an emergency.

Road Report: Don Hales told the group \$88,000 was spent on road repairs in 2020. Generally a road improvement project is planned for each year. That was not the case in 2020. In 2020 Crow Wing County deferred the property owners tax payments due to COVID relief. Because the Township relies on receiving Levy Funds from property taxes, the Board decided it would be prudent to hold off on road improvements to build a balance in the Road Fund in case of an emergency. The road improvements in 2021 were on Partridge, Maghan Lane and Scott Lake Roads. The cost to pave a road is approximately \$120,000 per mile. Possible candidates for paving in 2022 are the only gravel roads in the Township which are Taylor and Hesitation road.

The Township does a Spring and Fall road inspection. The roads are graded on a 12 point scale.

There was discussion regarding what the set limit of spending should be for the Road and Bridge Fund. This discussion will be continued at the next monthly Supervisor's Board meeting.

Cemetery Report: A new metal detector was purchased for the cemetery. Erik's Lawn Service is contracted to do the mowing, spring and fall clean up at the cemetery.

Justin Smith reported in 2020 only one cemetery plot was sold in the new portion of the cemetery. There were four burials. The Township averages 9 burials per year.

Old portion of the cemetery is reserved for family members who own or are buried in that portion of the cemetery. There are approximately 352 burial sites available in the new portion of the cemetery and 92 burial sites in the Old portion of the cemetery. Justin Smith is the Cemetery Record Recorder.

Columbarium: The Board is working with Eickhof Columbaria for installation of the columbarium. It has been difficult finding someone to construct the foundation for the project. Estimated cost when completed will be around \$60,000. Presently two cremains can be buried in a cemetery plot. At some point the Township will need to grow the cemetery. The Town Board is looking to the future and how to expand the cemetery. Cremations are on the rise with the younger generation. The plots where the columbarium will be placed are being set aside for the future project. In 2022 the Levy has been set at \$30,000 for the Cemetery Fund.

Levy: The Township Board of Supervisors are requesting a the levy for \$586,000 for 2022. The bulk of the levy monies is spent on the Township roads and fire fighting protection. A motion was made by Becky Miller seconded by John Enright to approve the 2022 levy of \$586,000. \$464,716.10 was the ending balance for 2020. 6 voted in favor of the motion. None opposed to the motion. Motion passed.

Deerwood Bank is the depository for Bay Lake Township.

The posting sites in the Township will be the Town Hall and Hansen's store. The Township website also has public information postings, but, the website is not an official posting site. It is kept updated, but, there have been situations in the past when the updates cannot be done in a timely manner.

The Crosby Courier and the News Hopper are the official publication sites for Bay Lake Township. The Brainerd Dispatch will be used for short term Public Notifications and the contract bidding process. Because the posting to the website does not always get done in a timely manner by the webmaster, the website is not designated as an official Township website.

The Monthly Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise. The meeting schedule is posted on the Township website.

A motion was made by Don Hales and seconded by Carolyn Mogen to have the poll hours for Township elections from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Bay Lake Town Hall. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Carolyn Mogen and seconded by John Enright to start the Bay Lake Township Annual Meeting at 8:30 p.m. following the Township election at the Bay Lake Town Hall. Motion passed unanimously .

Other Business To Come Before The Board:

Becky Miller wanted to see the minutes from the July Board meeting. It was explained to her she was at an Annual meeting. The monthly Board meeting would be next Tuesday at which time the minutes from the July monthly meeting would be approved. What Becky wanted to know was the Board's

decision regarding broadband and Wild Bird Lane. It was explained that the Board has not made a decision on whether or not to apply for the Federal Funding. If the Board does apply for the funding any monies that may go for broadband would go to Crow Wing County to distribute through contracts with area broadband suppliers. Presently, there is not a deadline for applying for the monies. There was a question as to if there was information as to what areas are underserved in Bay Lake Township. The Township does not have that information. It was suggested that they talk to the Crow Wing County Administrator, Tim Houle or Doug Houge, the County Commissior for this area.

Carol Pundt suggested the Federal monies can also be used for improvements to the Town Hall building. One concern she has is the entrance to the building needs to be wider to allow people voting to distance from each other when they are entering and leaving the Town Hall.

Becky Miller also wanted to know why the Township only has two supervisors and how the open supervisor position would be filled. Jon Stebly resigned from the Township Board on June 10, 2021. The Board will be discussing how to fill the position at the August Board meeting.

A motion was made by Becky Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Carol Pundt, Clerk, Bay Lake Township

Justin Smith, Moderator

