

March 13, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Royalton Township Annual Meeting Minutes

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13 March 2018 - Unapproved

8:16 p.m., Tuesday, 13 March 2018, Clerk Duane Swanson called the Royalton Township annual meeting to order, with approximately 11 residents and 3 guests present. The assembly recited the pledge of allegiance.

8:17 p.m., The assembly's first order of business was to elect a moderator. Les Orvis was nominated and seconded. No other nominations were received, and Les Orvis was declared moderator, assumed the chair, and stated the order of business.

8:20 p.m., Wayne Olson moved, Patrice Pearson seconded, to adopt the agenda as printed with the addition of a road report, Seven County Senior Federation proposed contract, and Family Pathways presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

8:21 p.m., Wayne Olson moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to dispense with the reading of the annual meeting minutes of 14 March 2017 and the reconvened annual meeting minutes of 29 August 2017 because they were printed in the annual meeting packet that was available to each attendee and, further, to approve the minutes of both meetings as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson noted that the annual road report, as required by statute, was included in the annual meeting packet.

8:22 p.m., Patrice Pearson moved, Roxanne Orvis seconded, to approve the treasurer's report as read and as printed in the annual meeting packet. The report showed a total worth of the township of \$380,201.64, with no indebtedness and no additional investments. The motion carried unanimously.

8:25 p.m., Clerk Swanson read a note from the Pine County Historical Society encouraging contributions. He also noted that information leaflets and a potential contract had been received from the Seven County Senior Federation requesting a minimum donation of \$500.00. He then called on Dara Cavallin for a presentation from Family Pathways. Ms. Cavallin explained the vast array of programs offered through Family Pathways, especially for senior citizens and people in crisis. She left a packet of explanatory brochures for the township's use. Moderator Orvis thanked Ms. Cavallin for her presentation. Moderator Orvis noted that, in the past, the township's policy had been not to donate funds to non-governmental entities but to encourage private citizens to donate as they are moved to do so. Doug Eklund moved, Wayne Olson seconded, not to donate to the Pine County Historical Society. Motion carried unanimously. Doug Eklund moved, Jeff Schlaeger seconded, not to donate to the Seven County Senior Federation. The motion carried unanimously. Doug Eklund moved, Jeff Schlaeger seconded, not to donate to Family Pathways. The motion carried unanimously.

8:30 p.m., Gary Valvoda, representing the election judges, read the abstract of votes for the township election that concluded at 8:00 p.m. 44 individuals voted in person, 1 person voted absentee, for a total of 45 votes cast. For the office of Supervisor, Marshall Pearson received 44 votes and 1 ballot was blank. For the office of Clerk, Duane Swanson received 45 votes. Moderator Orvis thanked the election judges for their service.

8:31 p.m., Moderator Orvis called for a general discussion on items of concern. Doug Eklund requested clarification on a field approach that the township had removed during ditch cleanout on Raspberry Road South. Wayne Olson noted that the landowner had been driving through the ditch and that no driveway or culvert had previously existed. Doug Eklund also requested that the town board reconsider the zoning policy of requiring a ten acre minimum lot, noting that most of the resulting ten acres turn into a weed patch that is not amenable to farming. Moderator Orvis noted that this policy had been revisited by the planning commission during the year but that no action had been taken.

8:38 p.m., Patrice Pearson moved, Wayne Olson seconded, to allow the board to initiate specific road openings, vacations, or alterations as deemed necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

8:39 p.m., Marshall Pearson moved, Doug Eklund seconded, to authorize the town board to maintain and conduct business for the town as needed under Minnesota Statutes 365.10: subdivisions 1-18, as well as other statutes requiring approval or prior authorization at the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8:40 p.m., Jeff Schlaeger moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to convene and call to order the next annual meeting at 8:15 p.m., 12 March 2019 (the second Tuesday in March). The motion carried unanimously.

8:41 p.m., Moderator Orvis noted that the board had recommended a 2019 levy as follows: General fund, \$129,000; road and bridge fund at \$70,000; and fire fund at \$20,000 for a total levy of \$219,000. Moderator Orvis noted that this levy had remained constant for several years. He explained that the annual meeting could set a levy at this meeting or the annual meeting could be recessed until a later date for finalization of the levy. Doug Eklund moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to recess this annual meeting until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 28 August 2018 (prior to the regular township board meeting) at 6052 Royalton Road, Braham, MN 55006. The only business allowed at the recessed meeting would be setting of the levy. The motion carried unanimously.

8:42 p.m., Moderator Orvis asked if there was any other business that should come before the meeting. Hearing none, Wayne Olson moved, Patrice Pearson seconded, to conclude this portion of the annual meeting and to reconvene the meeting at the time and place directed earlier. Moderator Orvis declared this meeting recessed.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Town Clerk

Attest: Leslie Orvis, Moderator