

Royalton Township Annual Meeting Minutes
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9 March 2021

Unapproved

8:15 p.m., Tuesday, 9 March 2021, Clerk Duane Swanson called the Royalton Township annual meeting to order, with approximately five residents and one guest present in the assembly room and three residents (Gary Valvoda, Wendy Tchida, and Roxanne Orvis) present electronically via ZOOM. Clerk Swanson noted that this meeting had been duly posted and published. Social distancing was practiced, and masks were worn. The assembly recited the pledge of allegiance.

8:17 p.m., The assembly's first order of business was to elect a moderator. No one volunteered. Jeff Schlaeger nominated, Troy Downing seconded the nomination of Wayne Olson, moved that nominations cease, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Olson. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Olson assumed the chair and stated the order of business.

8:21 p.m., Duane Swanson moved, Wayne Olson seconded, to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:21 p.m., Jeff Schlaeger moved, Travis Kemen seconded, to dispense with the reading of the annual meeting minutes of 10 March 2020 because they were printed in the annual meeting packet that was available to each attendee and, further, to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:23 p.m., Moderator Olson read the treasurer's report as prepared by Treasurer Wendy Tchida. Troy Downing moved, Jeff Schlaeger 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 \$418,716.25 as of 31 December 2020, with no indebtedness and no additional investments. The motion carried unanimously.

8:24 p.m., Moderator Olson noted that the annual road report, as required by statute, and the supplemental reports of the board and planning commission were included in the annual meeting packet. Travis Kemen moved, Jeff Schlaeger seconded, to dispense with the reading of the road report and to approve the reports as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:24 p.m., Travis Kemen moved, Troy Downing seconded, to allow the board to initiate specific road openings, vacations, or alterations as deemed necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

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8:24 p.m., Troy Downing moved, Travis Kemen 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.

8:25 p.m., Jeff Schlaeger moved, Troy Downing seconded, to convene and call to order the next annual meeting at 8:15 p.m., 8 March 2022 (the second Tuesday in March). The motion carried unanimously.

8:25 p.m., Moderator Olson called for general discussion of items of concern: There was none.

8:26 p.m., Moderator Olson noted that the board had recommended a 2022 levy as follows: general fund at \$104,000, road and bridge fund at \$70,000, fire fund at \$20,000, and an equipment replacement fund at \$25,000 for a total levy of \$219,000. Moderator Olson noted that the equipment replacement fund is designated to allow monies to be earmarked for the future replacement of major equipment, such as the grader, truck, and tractor. He explained that the assembly could set a levy at this meeting or the annual meeting could be recessed until a later date for finalization of the levy. At 8:29 p.m., Troy Downing moved, Travis Kemen seconded, to adopt the levy as recommended and not to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting paused to await the election results as prepared by election judges. At 8:36 p.m., Moderator Olson read the abstract of votes as presented by the election judges: There were 63 in-person voters and 10 absentee voters. For the office of supervisor, Marshall Pearson received 62 votes, with write-in votes as follows: Troy Downing received nine votes, Brandon Sward received one vote, and Keith Gustafson received one vote. For the office of treasurer, Wendy Tchida received 67 votes, Keith Gustafson received one write-in vote, and there were five blank ballots. Moderator Olson thanked the election judges.

8:40 p.m., Moderator Olson asked if there was any other business that should come before the meeting. Hearing none, Jeff Schlaeger moved, Troy Downing seconded, to adjourn the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Town Clerk

Attest: Wayne Olson, Moderator