Annual Township Meeting - March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Clerk, Nancy Hedin.

Abe Mach was nominated as moderator.

The minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting were read.

Motion was made by John Quest, second by Clair Strandlie to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Cindy Carlson, second by John Quest to waive the reading of all the checks written and received and read just the synopsis. Motion passed.

The joint treasurer and clerk's report was read and discussed.
Motion was made by Ernie Mueller, second by Clair Strandlie to approve the Treasurer and Clerk's joint report. Motion passed.

The levies were read as recommended by the board.

Strandlie gave the background to the levy recommendation. Strandlie stated that there are roads in the township that need resurfacing.

Dave Rodestrom made a motion to decrease the levies by 5%.

Abe Mach explained that in order to made a motion at an Annual Meeting, you need to be a voting resident of the township. Motion died.

Motion was made by Strandlie, second by Quest to approve the levies as recommended. Discussion followed.

Mark Salmon stated that he was not in favor of a tax increase because taxes are already going up due to the school and the hospital.

Silver Anderson stated that wages could be decreased to make up the $15,000 increase.

15 were in favor of the levy recommendation, 21 were opposed of the recommendation. Motion died.

Cindy Carlson expressed her opinion that the township should not roll back, because we will not know what the expenses could be.

Heidi Kroening further explained the reasons for the increases. She stated that there is a cost for doing things and people should come to the monthly meetings to find out what expenses are being made. There needs to be reasons behind not increasing the levies if people want improvements made in the township.

Motion was made by Mark Salmon, second by Dave Aufderhar to not increase the levies. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Strandlie, second by Jan Erickson to hold the regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Cindy Carlson, second by Jake Young, to hold the Annual Township Election from 1:00-8:00 p.m. with the Annual Township Meeting beginning at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Strandlie, second by Kroening to continue using the Evergreen, the township hall board and the township web site for publishing and posting notices. Motion passed.

Clair Strandlie gave the background of the Wetherille Road and extending the road south to the Willow River Bridge. The road was not recorded with the recorders office and it has been 25+ years since money has been spent on this road. The township had received a letter requesting that the road be continued to the bridge. For this reason, the request needed to be brought to the Annual Meeting for the public to decide if money should be spent on this road.

Motion was made by Duane Anderson, second by Jan Erickson not to spend any money on the Wetherille Road. Motion passed.

Strandlie then gave the background to the bridge that crosses the Willow River at the end of Wetherille Road.

Mike Moonen was present. His property is adjacent to the bridge and he was able to give further background to the history of the Wetherille Road and the Willow River Bridge.

Strandlie stated that the DNR is trying to determine who owns the bridge because it is now falling into the river.

Motion was made by Marshall McCleary, second by Ross Munson not to spend any money on the bridge that crosses the Willow River. All Aye. Motion passed.

The election results were read.

For the office of Supervisor for a three-year term:

Abe Mach	140 votes
Clair Strandlie	89 votes
Blank	1

For the office of Treasurer for a two-year term:

Connie Anderson	212 votes
Blank	18

Kelly Goeb gave the Mercy Hospital District update.

Henry Gretsfeld gave the MLWSSD update.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Hedin, Clerk