

**DUNN TOWNSHIP, OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MN
ANNUAL TAXPAYERS MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY MARCH 9, 2021 7:00 pm**

Call to Order- Douglas Winter, Clerk:

The Meeting was called to order by Clerk Winter at 7PM. In attendance: Supervisors Herseth, Seifert, Dalman, Nyquist and Chairman Johnson. Treasurer Pepelnjak, Dale Pepelnjak, Richard Phillips, Dave Sloten (PVHD Representative), Richard Gabe, Louis Hoglund (Pelican Press Reporter), Nicolas Valentine and Sheryl A. Trepp and Clerk Winter.

Clerk calls for Moderator Nominations:

The Clerk called for nominations for a Moderator. Herseth nominated Dale Pepelnjak and a second was made by Johnson. A second call for nominations from the floor (none received) and a third call for nominations from the floor (none received). With no further nominations the clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Dale Pepelnjak to service as Moderator of the 2021 Annual Meeting.

***Moderator conducts Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance: The moderator asked all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announce agenda for rest of meeting:

The moderator asked all in attendance to review the printed Agenda and asked for any changes. None being heard a motion to accept the agenda as printed was made by Sloten and seconded by Gabe, motion passed.

2020 Meeting Minutes-Clerk reads minutes -Motion to Approve Printed Minutes:

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Dalman and seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

2020 Annual Financial Report (Schedule 1) Questions, S. Pepelnjak-Motion to Approve:

The Treasurer reviewed the December 31, 2020 Schedule 1 as follows: Beginning Balance of \$226,601.18, Receipts \$610,855.27, Sale of Investments \$138,000.00, Disbursements \$465,760.78, Purchase of Investments \$200,000.00, Ending Balance \$309,695.67, Investment Balance \$310,000.00 for a Total Balance of \$619,695.67. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Slotten and seconded by Gabe, motion passed.

2021 Ringdahl Ambulance Service Contract:

The Ringdahl Ambulance contract was presented. It is the same as the previous several years. A motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$11,312.50 was made by Herseth and seconded by Phillips, motion passed.

2020 Road Report -David Johnson/Road Supervisor:

Johnson reviewed the proposed road projects for the 2021 season. Some of the listed projects may be deleted depending on the anticipated increase in oil prices. Projects listed are as follows:

1. Mill and re-tar Gosslee Beach Road
2. Tar Grobe Beach Road and Lyndon Park Drive
3. Overlay Poss Beach Road. (The project may be held back)
4. Collapsing Culvert on East Lake Lizzie Rd near Allen Lane
5. Culvert on 260th Ave N of Crystal & South the Lost Hwy.
6. Tree Trimming up to \$50,000.00 as needed.

Johnson spoke about a resident of the Lost Highway asking about paving the road and adding some speed signs. Herseth talked about increasing the levy over several years to get the funds needed for paving the two miles of Lost Highway. Dunn Township mill rate is one of the lowest in the state at .008%. There was discussion about doing a traffic count on the Lost Highway to verify traffic count on the roadway.

A motion to approve the Road Report was made by Seifert and seconded by Sue Pepelnjak, motion passed.

2020 Fire Dept. Report – B. Dalman & Ross Herseth, Supervisors:

Herseth reviewed the Pelican Rapids Fire Department costs. There was no meeting this year due to Covid-19. Some items on the budget have increased such as Training up to \$11,105.50 from 2 to 3 thousand over the previous two years. Other costs have gone down: Operating supplies down \$9,400., Repair and Maintenance

down \$3,200. The overall Dunn Township cost of Fire Service has gone up \$787.52 for 2020. The Building Lease should be ending in about 6 years and should make a substantial difference in the annual budget. The total Fire Department budget of \$233,349.96 is charged on a formula which takes into account the property value, number of fire calls and other factors for a total billing to Dunn Township of 22.57% for 2020.

Other Business to Discuss:

- **Update from David Slotten/Pelican Valley Hospital District Representative:**
- Slotten reviewed the operation of the Nursing Home over the past year along with census percentages and the deficit which is levied to the participating township each year. The 2021 levy will be the same as 2019 and 2020 levy amounts of \$750,000.00. He talked about the adverse impact of Covid-19 increasing expenses and lower census numbers.

Proposed Levy Review by Supervisor R. Herseth: Herseth presented the changes in operating expenses that brings the need for a small increase in the levy amount for 2022.

2021 LEVY		PROPOSED LEVY FOR 2022	
General Fund	\$50,000.00	General Fund	\$50,000.00
Road and Bridge	\$415,000.00	Road and Bridge	\$ 425,000.00
Fire	\$60,000.00	Fire	\$60,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 525,000.00		\$ 535,000.00

Levy – Motion to Approve:

A motion to approve the levy for 2022 as presented was made by Phillips and seconded by Valentine, motion passed.

Moderator- Ask if there is any other business to discuss (General Discussion of Items of Concern – advisory only): No items were presented by the public.

Set 2022 Annual Meeting Date and location- Motion required/Approval

- **7 p.m., March 8, 2022, Dunn Town Hall, 47979 E. Lake Lizzie Rd.
Storm date would be March 15, 2022**

A motion to approve the above dates and times for the 2022 Annual Meeting was made by Herseth and seconded by Seifert, motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson and seconded by Slotten.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Winter, Clerk of Dunn Township

Dale Pepelnjak, Moderator