

The annual meeting of Dassel Township was held on March 9, 2021 at the DAHS at 8:15 p.m. Karin Colberg, Clerk called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members present were Matt Woetzel, David Isaacson and Kevin Rossow, Galen Nyman/Treasurer and Karin Colberg/Clerk.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the elections results were reviewed and certified by the board of canvass made up by Bob Wilde and Orville Anderson.

Andy Bohnsack made motion and Irene Bender seconded to nominate David Isaacson as moderator. Msc.

The elections results were announced: For Supervisor C. Kevin Rossow received 12 votes³ For Treasurer, Galen Nyman received 12 votes. There were 12 votes cast.

David read the agenda and asked for additions and/or corrections. Orville Anderson made motion to accept agenda and seconded by Bob Wilde. Msc.

The minutes from the 2020 annual meeting were read. The word bond was changed to levy on the motion to approve the 2021 levy. 240th was changed to 250th for 2019/2020 grinding up of the road. Erhard made motion and it was seconded by Orville to approve the minutes with corrections. Msc

Galen Nyman presented the 2020 Treasurer's report. He reported on the beginning balances, receipts, and disbursement for the year with the ending balances for General Fund \$161,963.19 – Road & Bridge Fund \$(10,071.19) – Fire Fund \$34,070.64 – Capital Fund \$58,142.22 for a total of \$244,104.86 in accordance with the bank statement.

Galen presented 2022 proposed levy. Discussion was held on the need to increase the levy to \$500,000.00 in order to take care of the road projects that are necessary in the Township. The amounts would be General \$50,000.00- R&B \$205,000.00 – Fire \$70,000.00 – Capital \$175,000.00 – Totaling \$500,000.00. The General Bond balance totaled \$311,646.85 as of 12/31/2020. Galen also said mentioned that we could get a new bond now when the interest rates are so low if necessary and also that County would be working on county roads in the Township next year and we could possibly work with them and lower the cost of our projects.

Orville Anderson made a motion to increase the 2022 levy to \$500,000.00 and accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Erhard Woetzel. Msc.

Discussions were held on –

2021 Road Projects – Kevin Rossow spoke about two products that the supervisors had looked at and are planning to use. One is called scrub seal which would extend the life of the road by 6 or 7 years and would be used on 240th and 705th. The second product is chip seal which is about 1/3rd the cost of asphalt and would last 8 to 10 years and would be used on 250th to the Darwin Township line. The estimate for these 2 projects is about \$210,000.00.

2019/2020 Road Projects – Dave said that we did not do any big projects during 2020 and mostly concentrated on maintaining our roads. Mike Murphy, representing our road maintenance company, was introduced.

Fire Contract – Matt said the fire department is doing a cost analysis on the existing hall to either modernize, update, or building a new fire hall. If they build a new fire hall, our portion could double what we are paying now.

Bike Trail – Irene Bender reported that they will be seal coating the trail this summer for about \$45,000.00. Our agreement runs through 2024.

Dust guarding –. We may not pay for dust guarding this year and will leave it up to the home owners to pay the cost if they decide they want dust guarding. We would still do the intersections.

Assessor - We will be going away from the County in 2020 and using a private assessor. His name is Brice Nelson.

Compensation- Irene Bender made motion to raise meeting compensation to \$50.00. After discussion Andy Bohnsack made motion to amend the amount to \$75.00 and it was seconded by Orville Anderson. MSC.

A motion was made by Erhard and seconded by Orville to keep Perennial/Darwin/Dassel as the Township's bank. Msc.

Orville made a motion and Irene seconded it to keep the Herald Journal (Enterprise Dispatch) as the Township paper and to also post the minutes and notices on the County website. Msc.

DAHS membership – A motion was made by Irene and seconded by Orville to approve a \$500.00 membership for the Dassel History Center. Msc.

A motion was made by Orville and seconded by Erhard to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. msc.

Karin Colberg
Dassel Township Clerk