

The annual meeting of Dassel Township was held on March 12, 2019 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 Erhard Woetzel, David Isaacson and Kevin Rossow and 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 Amy Wilde and Orville Anderson.

John Sandstede made motion and Orville Anderson seconded to nominate Erhard Woetzel as moderator.

The elections results were announced: For Supervisor A Matthew Woetzel received 13 votes and Galen Nyman received 16 votes for Treasurer. Karin administered the oath of office to newly elected Matthew Woetzel.

David Isaacson, representing the board, recognized Erhard Woetzel's dedication and 20 years on the Dassel Township board. All present at the meeting added their appreciation and thanks.

Erhard read the agenda and asked for additions and/or corrections.

The minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were read. John Sandstede made motion and it was seconded by Amy Wilde to approve the minutes with correction of the word use to replace the word you. Msc.

Galen Nyman presented the 2018 Treasurer's report. He had copies for all Township residence attending the meeting. He reported on the beginning balances, receipts and disbursement for the year with the ending balances of General Fund \$134,652.28– Road & Bridge Fund \$38,125.67 – Fire Fund \$5,311.21 – Capital Fund \$238,463.37 for a total of \$416,552.53 in accordance with the bank statement. The 2020 proposed levy total will stay the same as the 2019 levy with the General \$40,000.00- R&B \$89,000.00 – Fire \$60,000.00 – Capital \$161,000.00 – Totaling \$350,000.00 with the General Bond balance totaling \$505,273.98 as of 12/31/2018.

A motion was made by John S. and seconded by Irene Bender to approve the 2018 Treasurer's report and to approve the 2019 and 2020 Budget and Levy. MSC.

Discussions were held on –

2018 Road Projects and Road Maintenance Contracts – We continue to contract the Township's road maintenance with Lindberg Excavating. They have been doing an excellent job. During 2018 the major projects were crack filling, striping and seal coating. 738th had the blacktop taken and will have blacktop put back down in 2019. We started a spraying program with the Paynesville Coop. Lindberg also does brush cutting, tree trimming and ditch mowing along with road maintenance.

Fire Contract – The cost of our fire contract continues to go up. In 2018 it was \$47,396 and 2019 is \$59,140 and 2020 proposed is \$ 62,223.

Engineering – We continue to work with Hakanson Anderson. With their assistance we continue to try plan out our projects for the future years.

Dust guarding –. Thank you to Orville Anderson for taking care of the dust guarding in the Township. He volunteered to help with this again in 2019. Discussion was held on whether or not all the gravel roads in the Township should be dust guarded.

Sign Project - We are up to code with replacing our signs and will continue to use ID Sign Solutions.

Bike Path - Irene Bender representing the Trail Board reported on the bike path. There is \$69,647.59 in their account for maintenance and future projects as of 12/31/2018. They plan to seal coat the whole trail in 2020 for a cost of approximately \$45,000.00. The memorandum of understanding with the bike path and Dassel Township, City of Cokato, City of Dassel and the School will be up for renewal on 12/31/2019.

A motion was made by John Sandstede and seconded by Andy Bohnsack to keep Perennial/Darwin/Dassel as the Township's bank. Msc.

John S. made a motion and Irene B. 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 John Sandstede and seconded by Orville Anderson to approve a \$500.00 membership for the Dassel History Center. Msc.

Fire Marshal - Stan Varland and Karl and Julie Townsend will continue as fire marshals. It was reported that you can now go online on the MN DNR website and apply for a burning permit.

A motion was made by John S. and seconded by Orville A. to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. msc.

Karin Colberg
Dassel Township Clerk