

**Castle Rock Township
Annual Meeting
March 9, 1999**

The Annual meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convene at the town hall at 8:15 p.m. Present were Jonathan Kuhn, John Day, Norbert Kuhn Sr., Harry Ozmin, Kris Akin, Elaine Wikstrom, William Fitch, Joseph Auge, Bob Dubbels, Pul Irrthum, Charles Sachs Sr., William Neil, Mark Wagenknecht, Roger G. Randall, Alyn Angus, Gordon Wichterman, Jim Ozmun, Norbert Kuhn Jr., Michelle Nicolai.

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Nicolai, Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk called for nominations for a moderator. **A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded By Chuck Sachs, to nominate John Day. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bill Fitch, seconded y Bob Dubbels to approve the March 10, 1998 Annual minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Roger Randall presented the Treasurers report for the year ending December 31, 1999. Operating revenues for the year were \$243,318.93, with operating expenses of \$239,215.51 resulting in a \$4,103.42 increase in the fund balance. Capital fund revenues totaled \$179,945.28 with Capital fund expenses of \$170,158.78 for the same period. The ending fund balances were \$188,112.96 and \$73,198.71 for the Operating fund and Capital fund, respectively. The total cost of the new Town Hall was \$151,683.53 and was financed by an \$80,000 loan with the balance coming from the Capital fund account.

Elaine Wikstrom asked Mr. Randall what the Fire and Ambulance breakdown was. Farmington Fire Department, \$39,000. Randolph Fire Department, \$9,000. Alf Ambulance \$4,300 and Northfield, \$150.00. **A motion was made by Norbert Kuhn Jr., seconded by Mark Wagenknecht to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Elaine Wikstrom, seconded by Alyn Angus to waiver the reading of all checks written and received. Motion carried.**

The 1998 Road Committee report was read by Mark Wagenknecht. Committee members Joe Auge and Rick Gilmer were replaced with new members Frank Gerdesmier and Jim Bell. Capital Improvement Projects were estimated over the next 10 years. Year 2000 black top 1 ½ mile of road \$180,000. Year 2005 Reconstruct 2 miles of Denmark \$300,000. Year 2009 Reconstruct 1 mile of road \$160,000, 1 bridge at \$200,000. This is a 10 year estimate. Ongoing maintenance included gravel 5 miles \$23,500, spray brush entire township ongoing \$2,500, dust control \$5,000, (est. cost per resident \$35,) and final installation of drain tile \$3,000. The road committee recommends that we apply liquid dust control instead of Township residents picking up bags and applying it themselves. The road committee estimated approximately 66 residents live 250 feet or closer to the road. Anyone that wants it can get it if they request and pay the \$35.00. The liquid dust control will cost 35 cents a gallon and it will take about 300 feet of a single application. The total cost will be approximately \$70.00 per resident. The resident will pay ½ of this cost \$35.00 each and the township will pay the other half. **A motion was made by Bill Fitch, seconded by Chuck Sachs to follow the recommendations of the road committee. Gordon Wichterman made an amendment that we put a price limit of 50 cents per gallon in case the original bid from the county exceeds the 35 cents a gallon. The amended motion was seconded by Bob Dubbels. Both motions carried.**

The Road Committee would like to do a test mile overlay of crushed limerock on Annette Ave. from 230th to Highway 50. Some concerns were expressed about limerock not being easily patched. **A motion was made by Roger Randall, seconded by Norbert Kuhn Jr. that the committee use its discretion to do 1 mile of crushed limerock. Motion carried.**

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Treasurer Roger Randall presented the proposed budget and Levy of 1999. Projected operating revenues are \$243,500 with projected expenses of \$281,200. This will draw down the fund balance by \$37,700 and leave an ending operating fund balance of \$150,414.

The proposed levy for 1999 is \$286,000 and is comprised of \$198,000 for operations and \$88,000 for capital which includes the debt service on the Town Hall of \$16,000 per year for 5 years.

Paul Irrthum