

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2003**

The Annual Meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convened at the Town Hall at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Present were Eileen Anderson, Kathy Betzold, Marilyn Hoffman, Allen Hoffman, Randy Becker, Arlyn Lamb, Paul Irrthum, Norbert Kuhn, Jonathan N. Kuhn, Dave Nicolai, Mark Wagenknecht, Casey Kimber, Harold Eide, Marge Hulbert, Patrick N. Tinsley, Lloyd Stevens, Norman Torbenson, Robert Dubbels, Mark Henry, Colin Garvey, Melvin and Billie Jo Lively, Tracy Bauer, Shirley and Dick Dubbels, David Mumm, Kris Akin, Marlys Guildner, Judy Solinger, Maralee Rother, Charles Goldwater, Ken Betzold, and Jim Ozmun.

Maralee Rother, Clerk, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk called for nominations for a moderator. **Mark Henry made a motion and Mark Wagenknecht seconded to nominate Arlyn Lamb. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried.**

The minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting were read. **Randy Becker made a motion and Paul Irrthum seconded to approve the minutes of 2002 be approved with the following additions and corrections: Randy Becker should be added to the attendance list, and in the Treasurer's report regarding tile, a question was asked about cost sharing of tiling on private property and no answer has been given. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Roger Randall gave a report for the year ended December 31, 2002. The Township's total income was \$372,945.38, and the total expenses were \$365,711.07, leaving a balance of \$7,234.31. In the annual packet, the balance sheet by year was on page six, compare revenue and expense was on page seven, revenue and expense statement was on pages eight, nine, and ten. Roger also prepared a transaction by category packet which was available to those who may want it. **Mark Wagenknecht made a motion and Dave Nicolai seconded to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.**

**ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ken Betzold, Chair of the Road Committee, gave the following report: The past year the Township completed the task of registering the roads; the trees were removed in the road right-of-way on 277<sup>th</sup> Street; Mark Henry supervised the reconstruction of 275<sup>th</sup> Street east of Highway 3 last fall; the seeding of ditches will be finished this spring; the Township mowed the weeds in the ditches this year instead of spraying because by the time someone was available to spray it was too late for spray to be effective; gravel was put on 270<sup>th</sup> Street West of Akron, on Akron, and on the north end of Denmark; in 2003 the plan is to gravel 275<sup>th</sup> Street and seal the cracks on the blacktop roads in the Township. Chuck Sachs and Paul Irrthum have resigned from the road committee and John Day and David Mumm have been appointed by the Board to take their places. A

question was asked regarding farming in the right-of-way and no answer was given to the question. David Mumm was introduced as a new Road Committee member. Road right-of-ways were determined from the center of the existing roads. A question was asked as to how the decision is made as to what roads are to be worked on and it was stated that the Road Committee makes recommendations and the Board acts accordingly. The Township has a road counter. The cost of 275<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction to date is \$74,522.19. The bid proposals were \$89,763.00 to \$100,765.00, and did not include fill (\$6,000.00) and gravel (\$19,000). The projected cost to finish the grading is \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00, and the seeding is \$2,000.00.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Doug Wiedder, Chair of the Committee, is recuperating from a car accident, and was not present at the meeting. Maralee Rother read the report which stated that the Communication Committee compiles and publishes the Castle Rock Chronicle on a quarterly basis; issues are mailed to Castle Rock residents, property owners, and interested parties; the Communication Committee tries to keep Township residents informed of issues and events in the Township; articles are submitted to the Clerk at the Town Hall; the Chronicle is published and mailed at no cost to Township residents as advertiser fees cover the cost of publication; Farmington Printing does the printing and folding; stamping and attaching labels is done by volunteers. The Communication Committee consists of Doug Wiedder Chair, volunteers Clarence and Maralee Rother, Shirley Dubbels, and Judy Solinger.

### **PARKS REPORT**

Kris Akin gave the following report: Castle Rock Township maintains two parks, one is located on Highway 50 between Berring and Beaumont Avenues, and the other is in Rocky Hills addition south on Highway 3; the parks are maintained by a local lawn service; the park on Highway 50 has four spirea shrubs planted under the sign, with a weed barrier and wood chips as mulch; local youth groups and local daycare providers occasionally used the park for ball games; the park is sometimes used by people wanting to display their cars for sale which is not allowed by the Township; for 2003, a youth baseball group is interested in using the field a few nights a week, May thru July, they will need the base area updated with new gravel and they will provide their own bases. The Park Committee is Bill Neil Chair, and volunteer Kris Akin.

### **SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Ken Betzold, Chairman of the Board, gave a report of 2002 which included: the Ash Street project with Farmington; the storm water ponds plans need to be completed; the commercial ordinance has been updated to meet the higher standards for future development; the road registration is completed; 275<sup>th</sup> Street was reconstructed and trees were cleared on 277<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

David Nicolai, Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission, gave a report that recommendations were given for the following: issuance of motor vehicle sales license; conditional use permits for three signs; dog day-care/boarding kennel; conditional use

permit of seasonal mining permit; conditional use permit for manicurist's salon; approval for revising issues in ordinance # 2002; reviewed application for moving mobile home which is pending, and a request for a group home. The Planning Commission members are Jim Heiman Chair, Dave Nicolai Vice-Chair, Arlyn Lamb, Bob Dubbels, and Maralee Rother Secretary.

### **CLERK REPORT**

Maralee Rother Clerk read a report which included the following: legal notices are published in the Farmington Independent and Cannon Falls Beacon; the legal posting places are Castle Rock Banks in Castle Rock and Farmington, Farmers Mill and Elevator in Castle Rock, and the Castle Rock Town Hall; the official banks are Castle Rock Bank and Anchor Bank secondary; Township attorneys are Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty, and Molenda P.A., and Thuet, Pugh, Rogesheske and Aikens LTD; the Township issued 41 building permits and two variances in 2002; because of the high cost, the Township rejected bids for 275<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction, and did the project with Mark Henry as supervisor; the Township hired Judy Solinger as assistant to the Clerk; the Township adopted #2002 to the Castle Rock Zoning Ordinance; Castle Rock Township and Eureka Township amended the October 3, 1923 agreement with new language on June 18, 2002 and Castle Rock Township approved and adopted the agreement on July 9, 2002; also on July 9, 2002, it was resolved to transfer the meeting of the Board of Review and Equalization to Dakota County; on August 14, 2002, the Township adopted the resolution for the registration of the Township roads, and on November 14, 2002, ordinance #2002 Castle Rock Township Zoning Ordinance was amended with #2002A, section 7.19 and section 2.

### **2003 BUDGET AND LEVY**

A recommendation was made to approve the proposed budget and levy at a later date.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR D – THREE YEAR TERM**

Kenneth Betzold	49
Arlyn Lamb	58

#### **SUPERVISOR E – THREE YEAR TERM**

Randy Becker	81
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#### **TREASURER – TWO YEAR TERM**

Roger Randall	96
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Results are unofficial until after the Board of Canvass report.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The question was brought up about cost sharing of the tiling on 270<sup>th</sup> Street and the Kimber property. There was no cost share because solid tile and pipe was used to carry the water, and there was no benefit to the landowner.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

Discussion was held regarding commercial property. No action was taken.

**REZONING**

Some discussion was held about amending or rezoning ordinances. More information will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

**PAUL IRRTHUM**

Roger Randall announced that Paul Irrthum had been honored and presented with a plaque for thirty years of service to Castle Rock Township.

**2004 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Roger Randall made a motion and Mark Henry seconded to hold the 2004 Annual Township Meeting on the second Tuesday of March at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.**

**RECESS MEETING**

**Roger Randall made a motion and Kris Akin seconded to recess the 2003 Annual Township Meeting and to reconvene the meeting on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. to approve the levy and budget. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maralee Rother, Clerk

Attest:

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Ken Betzold, Chairman