

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL
MARCH 12, 2002**

The annual meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convened at the Town Hall at 8:15 on Tuesday March 12, 2002. Present were Arlyn Lamb, Doug Wiedder, Harvey Ozmun, Jim Ozmun, Jim Deegan, Charles Sachs Sr., Norbert Kuhn Jr., Paul Irrthum, Roger Randall, Norman Torbenson, Troy Pearson, Tracy Bauer, Colin Garvey, Dennis Moe, Marge Hulbert, Harold Eide, David Dubbels, Mark Wagenknecht, Maralee Rother, and Randy Becker.

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. Harvey Ozmun and John Day were nominations received from the floor. Mr. Ozmun declined the nomination. **Ken Betzold made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded to elect John Day as moderator. Motion carried.**

Chuck Sachs made a motion and Paul Irrthum seconded to approve the March 13, 2001 annual meeting minutes with the correction on page three under heading 2002 annual meeting, the date should read, the second Tuesday of March 2002 at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Roger Randall gave the report for the year ending December 31, 2001. The Township's total income was \$410,222 and the total expenses were \$384,011, leaving a balance of \$26,211. In the annual report packet, the balance sheet by year was on page 6; compare revenue and expense was on page 7; revenue and expense statement was on pages 8, 9 and 10. Roger also prepared a transaction by category packet which was available to those who may want it. Some discussion was held regarding tiling. A question was asked about cost sharing of tiling on private property, and no answer was given. **Harvey Ozmun made a motion and David Dubbels seconded to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.**

The proposed budget for 2002, on page 11, was read and action was postponed until later in the meeting with the suggestion that the meeting be recessed and reconvened at a later date to approve the levy.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Betzold chair of the Road Committee gave the following report: in March, five members of the Committee attended an all day gravel road maintenance and design workshop in Mankato; the Committee worked with the Planning commission to develop road specifications for the Township; participated in the annual road inspection with the Board; the Committee developed a worksheet and began a detailed survey of every road in the Township to record anything pertaining to current and future road maintenance; recommended the posting of speed limits on some roads in the Township and 232nd street

will be posted at 45 miles per hour; 270th street from Akron to Blaine and 232nd street were lime rock; the committee recommended that the Board begin the process of registration of the roads in the Township and developed and made recommendations for budgeting for 2002 road items such as gravel, dust control, brush control, major repairs and rebuilds.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Doug Wiedder Chair of the Committee gave a report regarding the Castle Rock Chronicle with the following information: four issues of the Chronicle were sent out this past year, namely February, May, August and November; the Committee takes care of all the work involved in putting out the Chronicle; Farmington Printing does the printing, folding and labeling the copies and the stamping, assembling the copy for the Chronicle is done by the volunteers who are Shirley Dubbels, Cindy Plash, Clarence and Maralee Rother. Ten sponsors support the Chronicle so therefore there is no cost to the taxpayers for the newsletter so please support our sponsors. If anyone has something put in the newsletter, please bring it to the office. It is greatly appreciated and makes it much easier to put out an interesting newsletter.

PARKS REPORT

Due to the absence of Bill Neil and Kris Akin who made up the report, Maralee Rother read it with the following information: the committee would like to recruit more Park Board Committee members; in the North Park, plant a flowerbed under the park sign with a few hardy shrubs and long blooming, bright annuals and mulch with bark chips for moisture retention and weed control; in North Park, kill weeds and grass on baseball diamond baselines and add more gravel or crushed rock to this area; encourage youth softball and soccer to use parks for practices; print reminder in the Chronicle that the parking lot in North Park is not a used car lot or area to advertise vehicles or trailers for sale; rent satellite toilet for north park; hire out lawn mowing and weed control for both parks; plant a few more trees in North Park and discuss with committee members and park neighbors the future plans for parks. The Waterford Warrior Snowmobile Club has donated a \$2000.00 gift to be used for parks and improvements.

SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Ken Betzold Chair gave a report of the Supervisors' activities for the year 2001 which include the following: the Township tested the gravel and lime rock to get quality material; the speed limit on 232nd street was approved by MNDot to be lowered to 45 miles per hour and more curve signs will be put up; the Ash Street project doesn't have much to report at this time; in regard to Parrott's Landfill Recovery, the Township is still trying to get him to clean it up and letters are being sent to municipalities informing them that Mr. Parrott doesn't have a permit to receive any material and tickets will be issued to those found hauling material in there; at the Nike Base, three concrete silos were demolished and filled in; the road registration is in progress and the Township is planning to rebuild 275th Street east of Highway 3 and Grant Jacobson will be the engineer for the project.

ELECTION RESULTS

Supervisor C three-year term

Jim Ozmun	35
Arlyn Lamb	3

Clerk two-year term

Maralee Rother	37
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Question I (Should Clerk be appointed by Township Board?)

For	32
Against	9

2002 BUDGET AND LEVY

The proposed budget and levy will be approved at a later date.

NOVEMBER TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Discussion was held regarding a November Township election instead of March. More information will be obtained for the policy and procedures of the change.

2003 ANNUAL MEETING

Ken Betzold made a motion and Denny Moe seconded to hold the 2003 Annual Township meeting on the second Tuesday of March in 2003 at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

RECESS MEETING

Roger Randall made a motion and Jim Ozmun seconded to recess the 2002 Township Annual meeting and to reconvene the meeting on Tuesday August 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Maralee Rother, Clerk

Attest:

Ken Betzold, Chairman