

Wilton Township
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Township Clerk, Jody Thatcher, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gynith Borden moved to nominate Richard Smerz as moderator. Ray Nugent seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Clerk Jody Thatcher swore in Richard Smerz as Moderator.

Clerk, Jody Thatcher read the minutes of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Kelly Farmer moved to approve the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes as presented. Bill Maves seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. 2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes Approved.

Moderator Richard Smerz asked for the Annual Treasurer's report. Township Supervisor Gynith Borden reported all accounts are available for review. All accounts are being audited and are in good standing.

The reports include the Town Account, Road and Bridge. Future Office Fund, General Assistance, Bridge Aid, Cemetery and Community Building. The reports were on display and available for examination for the duration of the meeting.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Gynith Borden recommends the addition of Will Ride as a service provided by the Township to its residents. The township was able to donate \$1500.00 to Helping Hands Ministries, and recommends a donation for the same dollar amount for 2018. A discussion took place. The township was able to donate \$500.00 to the Peotone High School Senior Scholarship for a graduating Wilton Township student. A discussion took place. Larry Christiansen made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to Helping Hands Ministries and \$500.00 to the Peotone High School Senior Scholarship. Brent Younghusband seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion carried. Gynith reported there was an excess of 9K in the Township account. She further reported the Cemetery does not levy taxes and is need of a new lawn mower which was estimated to cost 8K. The Community Building owes \$72,427.27 for a 10 year loan at \$517.00 per month as a payment with \$8,217.00 remaining in the line of credit to borrow. The Community Building receives roughly 10K from levied taxes and has an account balance of approximately 10K. The Road and Bridge is in need of money as well for needed road maintenance and repair along with several bridges in critical need. A discussion took place.

Road Commissioner Report:

Ray Nugent reported the bridges and roads in the township are as bad as they were in the early 1970's. 10% of the road and bridge budget was spent of signage for bridges in critical need of

repair and attorney fees. The road and bridge district is getting close to having to implement weight rules. Normal maintenance has been occurring for the roads along with spring clean up. The bridge referendum will be placed on the November 2018 ballot, if passed, it will take more than a year to receive the levied taxed.

Planning Commission:

Community Building Report:

Carmen Kinsella reported much needed repairs and maintenance have been completed on the community building. The windows, floor registers, roof on storage room and tuck pointing has been completed. The inside will be repainted and the floors will be repaired.

Cemetery Report:

Alan Christiansen reported new lawn mower has been committed to being purchased. After the purchase, the funds remaining will only last a couple of years with minimal maintenance being able to be completed. There are several more trees that are getting close to needing to be taken down. It would be helpful to be able to get additional funds.

New Business:

Ray Nugent made a motion to transfer 9K of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Cemetery Account, Jim Sharten seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion carried.

Annual Financial Reports are available for review, Moderator Richard Smerz asked if there is a motion to accept the Annual Financial Reports as presented? Bill Maves moved to accept the Annual Financial Reports as presented, Jim Sharten seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, 2018 Annual Financial Reports approved.

Carmen Kinsella moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM, Kelly Farmer seconded the motion, 2018 Annual Town Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Jody M. Thatcher

Wilton Township Clerk