

Wilton Township
Annual Town Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

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

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

Clerk, Jody Thatcher read the minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Janice Schultz moved to approve the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Minutes as presented. Ray Nugent seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. 2018 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 reminded the community Wilton Township is a multi township with Florence Township regarding the tax assessor position and currently the Will County Tax Assessor is under contract for that position since there was no community member elected. Information can be found on the Wilton Township website. Supervisor Borden recommends the addition of Will Ride as a service provided by the Township to its residents and will be on the agenda for action at the May regular board meeting. The township was able to donate \$1500.00 to Helping Hands Ministries, and recommends a donation for the same dollar amount for 2019. A discussion took place. Larry Christiansen made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to Helping Hands Ministries, Carmen Kinsella seconded the motion, all in favor with aye, no nay, motion carried. 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. Kelly Farmer made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Peotone High School Senior Scholarship, Alan Christiansen seconded the motion, all in favor with aye, no nay, motion carried. Supervisor Borden also reported there was an excess of 15K in the Township account. A discussion took place to make a motion to transfer surplus funds until after the reports.

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 will be implementing a 5 ton weight limit which was approved previously by the board as a frost ordinance. The roads took a beating this year, as of now normal maintenance has been occurring for the roads along with spring clean up. The bridge referendum did not pass, he will be needing to utilize money from the roads to put bandaids on several bridges. He is also open to any suggestions regarding the future funding for bridge repair.

Planning Commission:**Community Building Report:**

Carmen Kinsella reported they want to finish the tuck point on the East and West walls. They only need to do the necessary areas for an estimated 6K.

Cemetery Report:

Alan Christiansen reported they are stable with the fund balances for another year or two. He will be monitoring and looking into new pump options for the water well. There are several stones in need of repair which would be a multi year project. There are also a possibility of a few trees needing to be removed.

New Business:

Janice Schultz made a motion to transfer 10K of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Road and Bridge account along with transferring 5K of surplus funds from the Township fund to the Community Building account, Jim Sharten seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no nay, 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? Steve Quigley moved to accept the Annual Financial Reports as presented, Janice Schultz seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no nay, 2019 Annual Financial Reports approved.

Craig Bisping made a suggestion to move the action item of donating funds to Helping Hands and Peotone High School Scholarship to the end of the meeting along with the surplus transfer. Everyone was in agreement and this change will take place starting next year.

Kelly Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, Craig Bisping seconded the motion, 2019 Annual Town Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Jody M. Thatcher

Wilton Township Clerk