

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 10, 2015

The Annual Carlos Township Meeting was held at the Carlos Town Hall. Dean Yohnke and Rebecca Anderson represented the Town Board. There were 14 other residents in attendance.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Nominations for Moderator were called for from the floor. Denny Steen nominated Kevin Gorghuber with Ray Bielke seconding the motion. Dean Yohnke moved to cease nominations with Rebecca Anderson seconding the motion. On a voice vote, Kevin Gorghuber was chosen as Moderator.

Moderator Gorghuber chose to approve the minutes for the 2014 Annual Meeting after residents had a few minutes to review last year's minutes. Michael Maudal moved to approve the 2014 Annual minutes. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried on a voice vote.

Moderator Kevin Gorghuber indicated a change in town's people voting on levy requests for contracted vendors, such as the Cities of Alexandria and Carlos for fire protection. However, there would be report for each fire department.

GUESTS:

1. **Alexandria Fire Department:** There was not a representative from the Alex Fire Department, therefore, Moderator Gorghuber read the information sent to the town board. The department is requesting \$21,545. This is a decrease of approximately \$5,000 from 2015.
2. **Carlos Fire Department:** Darrin Thesing representing the Carlos Fire Department went over statistics and financials for 2014. They are requesting \$35,000 for 2016 which is an increase from \$34,000 from 2015. They will be looking at purchasing a new fire truck sometime in the future.
3. **Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission:** Kevin Gorghuber addressed the group requesting \$20,500, an increase from \$19,750 for 2015. He gave a summary of AAEDC latest and upcoming projects including purchasing land in the Industrial Park. He also addressed the change in demographics from 20 years ago, where the job were not available. Now the jobs are there, but the workers need to be trained for these new jobs.
4. **Lakes Area Recreation:** There was no representative from LAR, therefore, Moderator Gorghuber indicated LAR is requesting \$6087, which is an increase of \$36.00 from 2015.
5. **Carlos First Responders:** Jason Thimmesh, addressed the townspeople requesting \$3,330 which is an increase from \$3,150 for 2014.

Moderator Gorghuber then asked for motions on the following levy requests:

AAEDC: Rebecca Anderson moved to approve the request to AAEDC in the amount of \$20,500. Darren Thesing seconded the motion and it carried. There was one opposed vote.

Lakes Area Recreation: Denny Steen moved to approve the request for LAR in the amount of \$6,087. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried.

Carlos First Responders: Ray Bielke moved to approve the request of \$3,330. Dean Yohnke seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business:

Treasurer Dean Yohnke presented the townspeople with the Treasurer/Clerk's Report for 2014 along with the Three Year Comparison report in regard to expenses incurred by the township.

New Business:

Moderator Gorghuber went over the Levy requests for 2016.

GENERAL FUND: Darren Thesing moved to set the General Fund Levy at \$25,000. Jill Moerke seconded the motion and it carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE: The board is looking at rebuilding Prairie Road from East Lake Carlos Drive to CR 42, along with the south end of Pike road. Our township engineer is recommending sealcoating newly paved roads, which last year cost the township \$91,000. Ray Bielke asked the board if it was planning on paving Pike Road. The board has not discussed paving this road. Jill Moerke moved to set the 2016 Road & Bridge Levy at 250,000. Darren Thesing seconded the motion and it carried.

DEPOSITORY: Ray Bielke moved to continue using Black Ridge Bank of Carlos as the depository for Township funds. Denny Steen seconded the motion and it carried.

POSTING PLACES: Rebecca Anderson moved to keep posting notices at the Town Hall, Gas Mart, Sunny's, and on the Carlos Township Website; www.carlostownship.org. Jill Moerke seconded the motion and it carried.

NEWSPAPER: Rebecca Anderson motioned to continue using the Echo Press as the official newspaper. Jill Moerke seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION: Dean Yohnke moved to hold the next Township Election on the second Tuesday in March from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Carlos Town Hall. Denny Steen seconded the motion and it carried.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING: Ray Bielke moved to hold the next Annual Meeting at the Carlos Town Hall at 8:00 PM following the township election. Jill Moerke seconded the motion and it carried.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION: The Township will continue to pay for this application for the township residents. Bev Bales moved to leave the application to the discretion of the board. Darren Thesing seconded the motion and it carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: Ray Bielke moved to keep the pocket gopher bounty at \$3.00 and striped at \$0.50. Jill Moerke seconded the motion and it carried.

UN-OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS: There were 23 votes cast: William Krivanek won re-election for the 3-year supervisor position with 22 votes and Dan Yohnke won re-election for the 2 year treasurer position with 23 votes. The official ballot results are on file with the clerk.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The town's people are very happy with the road maintenance served by R&R Ready mix. Many residents expressed they felt this maintainer has been the best the township has had.

DOG PROBLEMS: There will always be dog issues, so this is not something new to the board.

SPRAYING OF WEEDS: Township weed inspector is Rod Meyers. He mailed 13 notices to residents last year to take care of noxious weeds.

Comment Box: There were no comments.

FROM THE FLOOR:

County Commissioner Bev Bales addressed the group and gave a brief summary of what the county board is looking to address in 2016 along with what issues were addressed for 2015.

Ray Bielke asked if Commissioner Bales pays the township for her Commissioner Update article printed in the township's newsletters, as he felt she has an advantage when it comes to her being elected. The newsletter is printed 3 times a year. Denny Steen felt it was important for residents to be made aware of what the county is addressing. To answer his question, no she has not paid to have the updates printed in the newsletter. The board will visit with Commissioner Bales on her contribution to the newsletter.

Ray Bielke addressed the meeting with a conditional use application on Lone Oak Drive. He feels the conditions have been violated and would like the township or county to address the issue. He stated he has spoken with Commissioner Bales and L&R Director Dave Rush and has received no response. Bill Krivanek noted the county handles all CU requests for the township, therefore, if there is a violation, it would be up to them to enforce the conditions. Kevin Gorghuber thought perhaps, the county, township and owner of the property could meet at the location, with paperwork in hand to confirm what the confirmation of granting the conditional use application.

There being no further business to come before the group, a motion was made by Denny Steen and seconded by Jill Moerke to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM, the motion carried.

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BOARD OF CANVASS
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The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Dwayne Waldorf, Rodney Meyers, Bill Krivanek, Dean Yohnke and Rebecca Anderson. Chairman Waldorf reviewed the un-official election results. A motion was made by Rod Meyers and seconded by Dwayne Waldorf to declare the election results official. The motion carried. There being no further business to come before this Board, Bill Krivanek moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Meyers seconded the motion and it carried.

Moderator - Kevin Gorghuber

Clerk – Rebecca Anderson