

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Phil Solseng was elected as the moderator for the meeting.

Minutes from the 2017 annual meeting were approved.

Discussion was opened up for the Township financial report.

Belle Plaine fire rates are going up due to large equipment slated for purchase in 2020.

The Townhall financial report was approved and it was decided to continue fire contracts as part of the levy discussion.

Larry Schmidt did the road update and mentioned dust coating and that we were pleased with last year's results so in 2018 we will use the same company. Also, the entrance to Gene's road will be blacktopped this spring. The Township will keep upgrading the roads and will work on bigger crowns.

Larry did more updating on the fire contracts. Belle Plaine needs to achieve more monies for the new equipment and that is why the levy is raised. It is the same scenario with Carver. Carver is applying for grants to help offset the cost of new equipment. The fire rates of the two towns need to be watched as the cities are growing fast and we need to keep an eye on our percentage that we pay.

The Levy was approved.

Doug Weber spoke with the County and this spring they will be spraying for Wild Parsnips.

Phil Solseng spoke about the new Ad Hoc Committee. Their first order of business is to see what can be done with the Townhall – perhaps plumbing – but most likely structural improvements. A contractor took a look and they felt that it would be worth it to improve the hall and the really good news is that the basement is dry. The committee will be sending out a newsletter asking the residents what they would like to see done with the hall. Other topics for the committee might be; solar, tiny houses, and cell phone towers. Larry Schmidt brought up the fact that the hall doesn't hold heat and that keeping the hall at 45 degrees cost \$450.00 in just one month this winter. It was decided to have other contractors take a look at the heat and other structural improvements.

Denise Andersen and Doug Weber updated the residents on possibly joining Hancock Township for elections. The 33 million dollar Belle Plaine Community Center referendum was discussed.

Phil Solseng brought up that maybe we should go from 3 to 5 supervisors to keep from violating open meeting laws. Doug Weber said that it is fine now. Perhaps, if we go over 1,000 residents and become an urban township we could readdress it. Larry Schmidt and Kevin Lundquist agreed.

Bob Olson inquired as to what roads would be graveled and could the grader go down his road again before the dustcoating.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Anderson, Treasurer / Deputy Clerk