

March 12, 2019

San Francisco Township Annual Meeting

Call to order at 7:00PM by the clerk. 23 residents were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Phil Solseng was elected as the moderator for the meeting.

Minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were approved.

Doug reviewed the 2018 Financial report. Discussion was opened up. Several questions about fire protection. How many calls were made? Why is it so expensive? BP fire is determined by value of property. Carver is calculated on number of residents. Dave Hellreigel made a motion to accept the financial report. 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved.

Dust coating was discussed as part of the road report. Board was pleased with last year's results so in 2019 we will use the same company. All the gravel roads could be done through an assessment to all gravel residents. One resident noted that High Bluff Dr was graveled after the dustcoating.

A short discussion on election expense. There will be 3 elections in 2020. One township board seat will be open. A motion was made by Linda Turnquist to approve the 2020 Levy. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

A motion was made to continue publishing township notices in the Belle Plaine and Chaska Herald. They will also be posted on the website. The website has been changed and is more up to date. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

Motion made and approved to continue Annual meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March. 3/10/20 at 7PM will be the next one. Board meetings will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7PM at the townhall. Board rate of pay will stay the same as last year.

Phil Solseng spoke about the new Ad Hoc Committee. A contractor and architect (approved by the board) have put together a plan to repair the town hall in 4 phases. The 1<sup>st</sup> being necessary maintenance. Total cost would be over \$225,000 for all four phases which include bathrooms and landscaping. Heidi Gould from the historical society spoke about our building. The only public building in our township. The only remaining brick 1 room school house in the county. One of 3 public buildings in the county made from Chaska brick. If we are added to the National Register of Historic buildings there are grants to cover the repair and remodel. This could take 6-9 months. There were comments on the extraordinary cost of repair. There were comments on the historic value. There were comments on civic pride. There were suggestions for expanded uses. The Board will make the final decision. Did you know San Francisco township was the original county seat?

New Business for 2019: A special meeting was held to authorize the board to draft a Nuisance Animal Ordinance. This would mostly apply to animals running at large. The biggest concern is the cost of enforcement. The sheriff's office will only deal with dangerous animals. The board will discuss the ordinance further at the next two monthly meetings and will not move forward unless they know the costs.

A resident brought up the speed limit in East Union. The county has sent them to the township. Carver County will not patrol our roads unless we pay them an additional fee. Starting at \$12,000 for minimal coverage. Residents need to complain to the county to get this changed. The local board can not do anything unless we agree to pay the fee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted, Heidi Schmidt, Township Clerk