

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
ANNUAL MEETING April 18, 2023

Agenda:

- **Meeting:** Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari 7 p.m. Meeting is being recorded for Clerks purposes.
- **Roll Call:** Present: Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Gerald Tutor, Tom Karas, Tom Schnepfer, Mark Saari, Scott Meteraud, Joanne O'Hara, Kevin O'Hara, Heather Helget, Nova Nordrum, Dylan Helget, Jason Simonsen, Barb Helin, Ted Helin, Tom Petermen, Vicki Luostari and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
- **Introduction of the board:** Scott introduced himself and all the board members to the meeting attendees as well fire Chief Nova Nordrum, and new treasurer Joanne O'Hara. It was decided to vote by a show of hands.
- **Approval of 2022 annual meeting minutes:** Ruth Ann read the 2022 minutes. Scott M made a motion to accept the 2022 annual meeting minutes as presented, Nova N, seconded. 16 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Approved as presented 7:09 pm.
- **Treasurer's report:** Vicki presented: 2022 end of year balances \$441,230.61 total, with \$35,302.94 in the checking account, and \$114,030.31 in the savings account and \$291,897.36 in the remaining money market/savings accounts. Scott M motioned to accept the treasurer report as presented, Mark S seconded, 16 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstain, approved as presented, 7:11 pm. Scott thanked Vicki for the last 4 years' service as treasurer.
- **Department and committee reports:**
 - **Fire department:** Nova presented, they lost a couple of members but have 3 new ones who are actively in training, going to lots of classes. Town is only required to supply fire suppression, not EMS. Mayo could take a long time to get to an incident as they only have 6 rigs on at one

time. The State requires that townships be credentialed with each other for EMS. Kevin Norbie is 1st assistant chief, Tracy Ruppe is the 2nd assistant, Robert Dahlberg is captain and Hope Nordrum is secretary. The WISCOM system is being discussed, they can listen to calls when they are not there, it is changing to 800mhz in a 5–7-year window. Hopefully, there will be lots of grants. Nova has been in lots of conversations, as Lakeside would need 7 mobile units in the hall/equipment and 24 other radios, the cost would be around \$80,000. Looking to do a countywide grant. Lots of waterpoint issues with all townships, the fire on 53 they had to run to the high school to get water, the waterpoints were either frozen, broken or in need of plowing. Nova thanked the guys for being able to plow for emergencies. She thanked the department members for all their hard work, as well as the new members. All the FDs are struggling for people.

- **Town Employees:** Mark S presented. Grading roads, replacing culverts, plowing snow, and laying gravel. The new packer is a tremendous help on the roads. Ted H asked about Tom getting his CDL, the current cost is between \$8,000-\$10,000 (town does not reimburse). Gerald T said if we need a second person to drive the dump truck (only equipment requiring a CDL) he has a CDL and could fill in. Board to review later. We finally made the last payment on SVL, around \$8200, it took years to get a final payoff number.
- **Other Business:**
 - **Assessors Report:** Scott read the assessors report. It is a reevaluation year. The township is currently undervalued per the state. Open Book and Board of review will be this fall after the assessment roll is complete. People might see him out looking at properties.
 - **Collection site:** Scott M said the costs are getting a little out of hand, but the town is saving money with the current set up and smaller containers. Options are curbside or collection site if we went curbside there would be trash everywhere. Maple went to a bag system, different cost depending on the size of the bag, they did have a slight issue with the collection of monies. If money is tight, it would encourage people to throw their trash where it does not belong. Will do some

research and bring them to the next annual meeting.

- **Snowplowing driveways:** Ted H said fund is not going to sustain itself. We need to be charging more money. With this past winter there were higher fuel costs, OT, but there were no major breakdowns. The board will investigate it at budget time and see what changes need to be made. A resident mentioned that they remember a time when all driveways were free, and all were plowed.
- **Gravel Budget:** Scott M asked what the gravel budget was for this year, it is around \$40,000.

The next annual meeting will be on the third Tuesday in April, April 16, 2024.

Adjournment

Scott M made a motion to adjourn, Nova N seconded, 16 ayes 0 nays 2 abstain.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk
5/12/2023

Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Web
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**.