

Barry Township Annual Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm, and the Pledge recited. Present were Chairman Keith Kappauf, Supervisor Doug Degerstrom, Supervisor Lewis McFerran, Treasurer Dick Prenovost, Clerk Sue Dutcher and Townspeople: Shelby Kappauf, Paul Sporcic, Donald Lindquist, Donald Sikkink, Ed Hattenberger, Paul Hornby, Bobbi Butler, Kathy Horbacz, Dave Williams, Denise Degerstrom and Kim Crow.

Ed Hattenberger nominated Dick Prenovost to be the meeting moderator.

The agenda was read and accepted with a motion from Lewis, 2nd by Ed. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes of 2022 annual meeting and they were accepted with a motion from Kathy and 2nd by Dave. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

The clerk read the Board of Audit report and it was accepted with a motion from Dave, 2nd by Kim. 15 Yes 0 No. Motion carried.

The treasurer presented a budget for 2024. He recommended a raise in the levy by 10 percent. As the 2023 levy is set at \$110,000 the levy for 2024 would be \$121,000. This was followed by a discussion and further explanation of the budget, after which the treasurer recommended waiting until September to actually set the levy and fund distribution.

Keith reported that the roads are better than they were last year, with regular grading. Ed took the time to comment on what a good job Keith is doing on the roads. Dick completed a cost analysis and reported that we save \$2,731.01 over a specified amount of time caring for our own roads.

General Discussion and Items of Concern:

Kathy – would like to see a planning committee to help the supervisors with investigating and planning.

Kathy made a motion, 2nd by Kim, that we update our zoning ordinance. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Kathy made a motion, 2nd by Bobbi, that we adopt a policy in which a supervisor is required to share information and get approval from other supervisors before calling a paid lawyer or other spending. Get a clear and concise quote and contract before obtaining services. Would like more information shared at meetings. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Kathy made a motion, 2nd by Bobbi, that Conditional Use Permits be handled in a more timely manner, and that supervisors work with constituents more. Also to leave the open hearing open for some days afterward, and to make the final decision later, even if a special meeting is needed. 3 Yes, 12 No. Motion dismissed.

A discussion was held regarding moving the meeting time to the evening and Lewis reported that it has been switched and less people attended because of how late it would have to be held, after the election. A discussion was held about whether to hold the meeting over Zoom, Paul H. said it's extremely difficult with the amount of camera equipment needed.

Lewis made a motion, 2nd by Ed, that we advertise that voting will begin 10 min after the annual meeting ends next year. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Lewis made a motion, 2nd by Doug, to set the next annual meeting date to March 12,2024 from 3-5 pm. 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Kathy, to recess the meeting until September 19, 2023. 15 Yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Chairman Keith Kappauf

Clerk Sue Dutcher