

# Annual Meeting 2024

March 12, 2024

The clerk called the meeting to order at 3 pm, and the Pledge was recited. Present were clerk Sue Dutcher and Townspeople; Lewis McFerran, Keith Kappauf, Ed Hattenberger, Dick Prenovost, Bill Dorgan, Galen Kelash, Donald Lindquist, Fred Olander, Rich Bruns, Eric Degerstrom, Bill Gordy, Chris Workman, Tammy Schmeling, Wanda Hendricks, John Erickson, Bobbi Butler, Carri Hagle, Walter Nelson, Kim Crow, Melinda Crow, David Williams, Brian Weidendorf, Paul Hornby, Kathy Thompson, Ashley Thompson, Kim Bengtson, Arnie and Jean Fischbach, Donald Sikkink, Mary Potts, Todd Crow, Jerry S, Carol Struthers, Robert Workman, Bob Mead and Kandy Dohrmann.

Ed Hattenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis McFerran, motioned to nominate Dick Prenovost as meeting moderator. 34/0. Motion passed.

The Moderator read the agenda, and asked for any additions or corrections.

The agenda was accepted with a motion by Keith Kappauf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis McFerran. 34/0. Motion passed.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. The minutes were accepted, with a date correction, with a motion from Lewis McFerran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Hattenberger. 34/0. Motion passed.

The clerk read the Board of Audit Report and it was accepted with a motion from Paul Hornby and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Hattenberger. 34/0. Motion passed.

Keith Kappauf gave the Road Report. There was a short discussion about Gov't Rd being much better, but not great. Money was saved by the lack of snowfall this winter. Funds disbursed from Roads and Bridges were in the amount of \$86,281.73. This amount factors in the cost of a second road grader for the township. The Report was accepted with a motion from Lewis McFerran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ericson. 34/0. Motion passed.

Kim Crow motioned to authorize the Board that Barry Township form a volunteer planning committee. There was a discussion that this would help greatly with the lack of communication felt by some town residents from the Board. Melinda Crow 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 34/0. Motion passed.

There was a discussion about which method of communication would work best. The clerk will form an email list and hopefully that will help.

The Zoning Ordinance was brought up, and there was much discussion including about how it would be enforced, and whether we aren't just "reinventing the wheel"? Some felt that the Ordinance was a "city" ordinance, which they moved here to avoid. There was a motion from Kim Crow to table the topic until the next meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ericson. 34/0. Motion passed.

The moderator presented the Township's options for a new town hall. The current location is being sold, and a generous (no interest contract for deed) offer has been made for the township to purchase it. Another option is buying an existing building and putting it on donated land in the township. Another option is to meet at the Hinckley city hall, which is not available for all the township needs, such as

elections. A discussion followed and a motion was made by Ed Hattenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Mead, that the Board be authorized to look into options not exceeding \$100,00.00. 27/3/3 abstained. Motion passed.

There was a motion from Don Lindquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Olander, to table the new hall matter until the next annual meeting in March, 2025. 6/23/1 abstained. Motion dismissed.

There was a motion by Ed Hattenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Crow, to wait until September to finalize the levy. 31/0. Motion carried.

Bill Dorgan presented his request for the township to recognize a road so he can sell his land. There was discussion about the history of the end of the road before his property which has not been maintained for over 25 years. Kim Crow made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melinda Crow, to authorize the township to classify it as a minimum maintenance road. 30/1. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Ed Hattenberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewis McFerran, to recess the meeting until September 17, 2024 @ 6:30 at Township meeting facility. 31/0. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:47.

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Chairman Lewis McFerran

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Clerk Sue Dutcher