

Annual Meeting 2025

March 11, 2025

The clerk called the meeting to order at 3 pm, and the Pledge was recited. Present were clerk Sue Dutcher and Townspeople; Keith Kappauf, Ed Hattenberger, Dick Prenovost, Donald Lindquist, Tammy Schmeling, Bobbi Butler, Carri Hagle, Kim Crow, Todd Crow, Paul Sporcic, Doug Degerstrom, and Allan Moon.

Ed Hattenberger, 2nd by Kim Crow, motioned to nominate Dick Prenovost as meeting moderator. 12 /0. Motion passed.

The moderator read the agenda, and asked for any additions or corrections. The agenda was accepted with a motion Kim, 2nd Ed. 12/0. Motion passed.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. The minutes were accepted by a motion from Keith and 2nd by Kim. 11/1. Motion passed.

The clerk read the Board of Audit Report and it was accepted with a motion from Ed and 2nd by Kim, 12/0. Motion passed.

Dick gave the Treasurer's Report. He explained that while the previous year's levy was set at \$130,680.00, we only received \$118,129.97 due to nonpayment of taxes. Don mentioned that we could hopefully get more back with penalty and interest. At this point Dick recommends not raising the levy for next year, Al disagrees. The report was accepted with a motion from Ed, 2nd by Tammy. 12/0 Motion passed.

Kim gave the Planning Committee Report. He reported that they have spend a good deal of time on the Cannabis Ordinance situation, deciding to allow Pine County to take over this as this situation is so new that the ordinances are not finalized at the county level yet. They have also been looking at other township ordinances to find inspiration for updating the Barry ordinance. Jim's seat will be up this year. The report was accepted with a motion from Paul, 2nd by Bobbi. 12/0 Motion passed.

Ed gave a report on the progress of the town hall. It is now only requiring a well and septic and the township has spent \$84,000.00. He said we should be able to stay under the \$100,000.00 permitted spending limit. The report was accepted with a motion from Bobbi, 2nd by Tammy. 12/0 Motion passed. Bobbi praised the Board for their hard work.

There was discussion on whether to rent out the town hall for community purposes. Some worried that it would be "more headache that it's worth" and others worried that we didn't have septic and plumbing yet. The consensus was to table the matter until the continuation of the meeting. A motion to table was made by Keith, 2nd by Bobbi. 12/0 Motion passed.

Todd Crow updated the town on the new website which all agreed was great and at a fraction of the cost.

The next meeting was set to March 10, 2026 at 8 pm by a motion from Kim, 2nd by Todd. 12/0 Motion passed.

There was a motion by Ed, 2nd by Bobbi, to recess the meeting until September 16, 2025 @ 6:30 at the town hall. 12/0. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:07.

Chairman Ed Hattenberger

Clerk Sue Dutcher