

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Scoglio at 7:00 pm. All newly elected board members were present along with outgoing Clerk Lisa Carlson and eight (8) other Apple River township residents which made a total of 14 voting members.

Verification of Public notice was done by Clerk Peterson.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were presented, a motion by Ken Chapdelaine to approve those minutes as presented was seconded by Dave Waterman and the motion carried.

Chairman Scoglio asked the electors present how they would prefer to vote on any of the evenings business. It was decided to use paper ballots. Clerk Peterson appointed Lisa Carlson to handle the election process.

The 2016 township financial spreadsheet was discussed. Much of the discussion centered around an issue between the Fire Departments understanding of how much money they had available to spend in 2016 versus what was actually spent. An expense that was budgeted for in 2016 was a new roof on the small fire garage. Due to the misunderstanding of available funds the roof was never built in spite of the fact that the dollars were budgeted and available. In the end Chairman Scoglio assured Fire Chief Adams that the money was still available. Supervisor Sample asked that this item be carried forward to the May Town meeting.

Outgoing Clerk Carlson highlighted her activities for 2016 in numbers and also showed a analysis of the four (4) elections held during 2016 and their cost to administer.

Fire Chief Adams gave the Fire Department activities report for 2016: 52-Medical calls, 22-Accidents, 3-structure fires, 3-misc. calls and also highlighted the departments increased mutual aid activities with other surrounding departments.

Purchase of two (2) small parcels of land that adjoin the township's property were discussed. The parcels are owned by Supervisor Waterman who has offered to sell them to the township. Chair Scoglio reported the acreages to be .16 acres and .18 acres. After considerable discussion about the history of the purchase attempt, a motion was made by Ken Chapdelaine to give the Board authority to attempt purchase the parcels at assessed value. A second came from Ken Sample. Lisa asked Janice Frederickson to help with the ballot collection and counting. The motion passed 13 to zero with one voter abstaining.

The matter of Town officials salaries were discussed at great length. The item seems to have come from continued increased workload in the Clerks' office. Ken Sample began the discussion by stating that the

Clerk is not a Secretary for other officials but has designated duties which are being expanded by requests for additional work. Sample also suggested a per diem be paid to the Clerk for elections held during the year. Outgoing Clerk Carlson discussed workload reduction and had stats from all other municipalities in Polk County showing numbers which suggest that Apple River is the 14th largest municipality in the County by population numbers. There was also discussion about hiring/appointing a Clerk versus electing that position. Chairman Scoglio outlined what must be done to change the compensation numbers and also stated that this is the beginning of the process which could come back to the voters in 2018 at the annual meeting but that the actual changes could not take effect until May of 2019 after the next board is elected. A motion was made by Ken Sample to have the township officials' research compensation and evaluate that information to formulate a plan to bring to the electorate at the 2018 annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Ken Chapdelaine. Ken Sample moved for voice vote, Ken Chapdelaine seconded the motion and it passed 14 to zero. The original motion to research and evaluate then also passed 14 to zero.

Ken Chapdelaine entered a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Arduser seconded and the motion carried 14 to zero.

Chairman Scoglio closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted on April 19, 2017 by Arlen Peterson, Clerk

