

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 12, 2019 @ 8:30 p.m.**

The Annual Meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convened at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. Present were Eric Ruud, Russ Zellmer, Sandy Weber, Jeff Partington, Roger Randall, Jon Juenke, Kelly Elvestad, Pete Schaffer, Steven Neil, Arlyn Lamb, Armin Kilber, and Mark Henry.

Barbara Lang, Clerk, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The Clerk called for nominations for a moderator for the meeting.

Dave Nicolai nominated Roger Randall and Sandy Weber seconded. No further nominations being made, the vote was taken, and was unanimous. Roger Randall was elected as Moderator.

APPROVE AGENDA

Roger Randall, Moderator, asked for additions or changes to the agenda. No changes were made. **Mark Henry made a motion and Jeff Partington seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

REVIEW/APPROVE PREVIOUS YEAR'S MINUTES

Minutes of the previous Town Meeting were read by the Clerk.

Russ Zellmer made a motion and Pete Schaffer seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rhonda Rademacher gave the report for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Savings account beginning balance \$490,071.47, receipts \$463,247.89, disbursements \$456,832.67, ending balance \$496,486.69. Checking account beginning balance \$18,585.76, receipts \$457,022.67, disbursements \$460,830.86, ending balance \$14,777.57. Road and Bridge Fund total \$303,844.19. Capital Projects Fund total \$10,000.00. Total beginning cash bank accounts \$847,035.43, receipts \$930,548.39, disbursements \$946,469.30, ending balance \$831,114.52. A detailed report of income and expenses and financial status is all recorded on Treasurer's Report on page two, and Budget and Levy Report/pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Annual Report of 2018.

Jeff Partington made a motion and Mark Henry seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Chairman Report: Chair Sandy Weber summarized her printed report.

Clerk Report: Clerk Barbara Lang summarized her printed report.

Road Report: Supervisor Jon Juenke summarized his printed report.

Planning Commission Report: Supervisor Jeff Partington summarized his printed report.

Park Report: Supervisor Kelly Elvestad spoke about the prairie planting project in Rocky Hill Park which should be completed this summer. Countryside Park is on a maintenance program which is working well.

Russ Zellmer made a motion and Pete Schaffer seconded to accept the annual reports as printed. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Clerk also mentioned that the Annual Report will be posted on the township website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion about pollinator/prairie planting in Rocky Hills Park.

Supervisor Elvestad gave an update that a second kill spray might need to be done in the spring prior to the planting. Kill spray was done in the fall, and then the weather didn't cooperate to complete the seeding.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion about upcoming County Road 78 project

Supervisor Elvestad indicated that there was a good citizen attendance at the Public Meeting hosted by Dakota County Department of Transportation last night. The County will provide further updates as the project proceeds. Lloyd Stevens inquired why the road can't remain as it is, and Supervisor Nicolai responded. Mark Henry spoke about possible mining/borrow pits within the township during the project. Supervisor Weber commented about the change in the curve on the affected stretch of County Road 78. Russ Zellmer indicated that he spoke to Commissioner Slavik, who had explained to him that County Road 78 is a County State Aid Highway (CSAH) and the standards for this classification are to make all curve areas capable to maintaining a 55 mph speed limit.

Mr. Zellmer also inquired about the status of the expansion portion of the LKQ project, and commented about the screenline on the south property line. During the fall and winter, cars are very visible, since there is only a chain-link style fence. Vegetation on the outside of the fence hides most of the cars during the summer months. This will be looked into.

2019 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

Rhonda Rademacher, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget and levy for 2019, reviewing and answering questions from residents about several line items. Detailed information is in the 2018 Annual Report on pages 9, 10 and 11.

General Fund Expenses: 2018 Budget \$121,164.00, Actual 2018 \$104,918.25, Proposed 2019 \$130,564.00.

Explanations were given for expected increases in engineering costs, legal expense, and cost to replace the front door of the town hall, which is rusting out.

Road and Bridge Fund Expenses: Budget 2018 \$200,500.00, Actual 2018 \$161,655.80, Proposed 2019 \$202,500.00.

Capital Projects: 2018 Budget \$75,00.00, Actual 2018 \$81,657.71.

Fire and Ambulance Expenses: Budget 2018 \$91,470.00, Actual 2018 \$91,463.05, Proposed 2019 \$94,794.00.

Park Fund Expenses: Budget 2018 \$8,450.00, Actual 2018 \$8,900.53, Proposed 2019 \$7,950.00.

Proposed 2019 Total Expense \$435,808.00.

Income: Budget 2018 \$496,584.00, Actual 2018 \$456,015.34, Proposed 2018 \$435,808.00.

The Board of Supervisors proposed a levy of \$329,260.00, an increase of \$5,000.00 total (approx. 1.55% increase).

Russ Zellmer made a motion and Jeff Partington seconded for a \$5,000 levy increase. Motion carried with one nay and one abstain noted.

ELECTION RESULTS

SUPERVISOR A – THREE YEAR TERM

Russell Zellmer	64
Kelly Kay Elvestad	101
Write-ins	2

SUPERVISOR B – THREE YEAR TERM

David J. Nicolai	126
John Ruud	34
Write-ins	6

Total ballots cast: 168

Results are unofficial until after the Board of Canvass Report.

Commissioner Mike Slavik was a late arrival, but brought greetings from Dakota County. He has had a busy evening trying to make it to all the town meetings in his District.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Pete Schaffer made a motion and Russ Zellmer seconded to hold the 2020 annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, March 10, 2020 at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Jeff Partington made a motion and Russ Zellmer seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lang, Clerk

Attest:

Roger Randall, Moderator