

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 10, 2020 @ 8:30 p.m.**

The Annual Meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convened at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 8:30 p.m. Present were Sandy Weber, Jerry Larson, Norb Kuhn, Jeff Partington, Steven Neil, Mike Long, Kelly Elvestad, Jon Juenke, Bradley Elvestad, Eric Ruud, Cory Unterschuetz, Paul Hoffman, Becky Gildner, Al Gildner, Mary Henry, David Mumm, John Born, Pete Schaffer, Jennifer Wegner, Lloyd Stevsn, Rhonda Rademacher and Barbara Lang,

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.

Steve Neil nominated Eric Ruud and Sandy Weber seconded. No further nominations being made, the vote was taken, and was unanimous. Eric Ruud was elected as Moderator.

APPROVE AGENDA

Eric Rudd, Moderator, asked for additions or changes to the agenda. No changes were made.

Sandy Weber made a motion and David Mumm seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REVIEW/APPROVE PREVIOUS YEAR'S MINUTES

Minutes of the previous Town Meeting were printer and distributed and time was given for all to read.

Jeff Partington made a motion and Sandy Weber 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, 2019, as printed in the Annual Report.

Savings account beginning balance \$496,486.69, receipts \$411,858.78, disbursements \$415,652.83, ending balance \$492,692.64. Checking account beginning balance \$14,777.57, receipts \$415,652.83, disbursements \$417,153.09, ending balance \$13,277.31. Road and Bridge Fund total \$217,984.05. Capital Projects Fund total \$10,000.00. Total beginning cash bank accounts \$831,114.52, receipts \$898,862.39, disbursements \$833,005.92, ending balance \$896,970.99. 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 2019.

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

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports were printed and distributed to all present, and time was given for all to read.

Mark Henry made a motion and Sandy Weber 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 - None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion about Dogs Running at Large as written in the Zoning Ordinance

Jerry Larson asked for this topic to be included on the annual meeting agenda. He was asked to explain the situation. Clerk provided some additional information obtained from the Dakota County Sheriff's Department. There was further discussion about the possibility of changing enforcing Ordinances from a misdemeanor with up to a \$1,000 fine to a petty misdemeanor with up to a \$300 fine.

David Mumm made a motion and Mark Henry seconded to create a committee to investigate this change and present options to the Board. Mr. Larson volunteered to chair the committee. Motion passed by majority vote.

b. Discussion about disposition of the large trees on the town hall property
The two large trees on the town hall property will be removed as part of the County Road 78 improvement project. The question was asked if anyone from the township wanted the wood from the trees. No one present expressed interest, so the County will be removing the wood unless someone contacts the town hall office about it.

c. Consideration of Countryside Park improvements – presented by representative of Dakota Turf
Cory Unterschuetz from Dakota Turf volunteered to make some improvements to the ball field at Countryside Estate Park. His landscaping company has an opportunity to test some new equipment this summer, and he is asking permission for this project in order to do that testing. The only possible cost to the township would be if materials would be needed to raise the level of the ball field in order to improve drainage.

2019 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

Rhonda Rademacher, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget and levy for 2020, reviewing and answering questions from residents about several line items. Detailed information is in the 2019 Annual Report on pages 9, 10 and 11.

General Fund Expenses: 2019 Budget \$130,564.00, Actual 2019 \$117,536.03, Proposed 2020 \$148,251.00.
Explanation was given that wages might go over budget this year with the staff changes coming up.
Road and Bridge Fund Expenses: Budget 2019 \$202,500.00, Actual 2019 \$190,609.70, Proposed 2020 \$202,000.00.
Capital Projects: None
Fire and Ambulance Expenses: Budget 2019 \$94,794.00, Actual 2019 \$94,793.47, Proposed 2020 \$96,675.00.
Park Fund Expenses: Budget 2019 \$7,950.00, Actual 2019 \$7,559.72, Proposed 2020 \$7,742.00.

Proposed 2020 Total Expense \$454,668.00.
Income: Budget 2019 \$435,808.00, Actual 2019 \$415,811.44, Proposed 2020 \$454,668.00.

The Board of Supervisors proposed a levy of \$334,365.00, an increase of \$5,000.00 total (approx. 1.55% increase).
Jennifer Wegner made a motion and Bradley Elvestad seconded to accept the proposed 1.55% levy increase.

ELECTION RESULTS

<u>SUPERVISOR C – THREE YEAR TERM</u>	
Pete Schaffer	55
Jeff Partington	104
Write-ins	1

Total ballots cast: 160
Results are unofficial until after the Board of Canvass Report.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

David Mumm made a motion and Sandy Weber seconded to hold the 2021 annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, March 19, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Jennifer Wegner made a motion and Corey Unterschuetz seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lang, Clerk

Attest:
Eric Ruud, Moderator