

Thorpe Township
Annual Meeting
March 12, 2024

Janet Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Janet Dixon (Clerk/Treasurer), Lorlie Harrington (Township Resident), Dan Demoret (Township Resident), Isaiah Mooney (Township Resident), Ray Niedzielski (Living At Home), and David Burklund (Hubbard 1st Response and Rescue).

Isaiah was unanimously elected as moderator, without pay. He announced the agenda in order of donations, road report, minutes, financial report/annual treasurer's report, general levy & other levies, general discussion of items of concern, and then to set location & time of next annual meeting.

Ray spoke and took questions on Living At Home, David described how Hubbard 1st Response and Rescue works in the county. Discussion on why several long time requests did not come in this year. Holding last year's meeting in the afternoon may have contributed to that. Dan recommended we carry forward every donation we did last year to this year, and to increase Living At Home donation to \$500. Total of \$4,350 recommended to be allocated to donations: Headwaters Animal Shelter (\$100),

Hubbard County Food Shelf, Inc. (\$200),

Hubbard County Sentencing to Serve (\$900),

Hubbard First Response & Rescue (\$650),

Kinship of the Park Rapids Area (\$500),

Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area (\$500),

City of Park Rapids - Park Rapids Area Library (\$200),

Support Within Reach (\$200),

All Veterans Memorial in Hubbard County, Inc. (\$100),

Family Safety Network (\$300),

Hubbard County Environmental Services (AIS Mantrap Lake) (\$250),

Hubbard in Prevention Coalition (\$100),

Lakes Area Dive Team (\$100),

North Country Trail Association (\$250),

Lorlie seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Janet read the 2023 annual meeting minutes out loud. Lorlie made motion to accept annual meeting minutes as read, Dan seconded. All approved, motion carried.

2023 Road Report by Isaiah Mooney. He recommend continuation of calcium chloride in 2024. motion carried.

Janet presented the 2023 Annual Treasurer's Report meeting as well). Lorlie made a motion to

accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Discussion on the expenses we know are going up this year and next: Fire Contract, Calcium Chloride, and road maintenance. Recommended increasing the levy by \$2,000 for the General Fund & by \$4,000 for the Road & Bridge Fund for 2025. Lorlie made a motion to table the proposed budget until the August continuation meeting, when we'll have more information on any town aid funds. Dan seconded. All approved, motion carried.

General Discussion of Items of Concern:

1. Open positions – Clerk/Treasurer and Road Supervisor will be on the ballot in November.
2. Calcium Chloride Application – Isaiah advised continuing with the CaCl Application from Hubbard County.
3. Noxious Weeds – Discussion on paying \$20/hour to pull weeds.
4. Newspaper for Publication – Park Rapids Enterprise as the Northwoods Press is no longer publishing.
5. Posting locations – Town hall, one at Mantrap Lake, and one on corner of Junco and 91. With the website up, Janet recommended using the website and the Town Hall. The other posting locations will have a notice directing them to the website and the Town Hall with the Clerk's contact information.
6. Road Maintenance Contractor – Jeff Stacy, Isaiah will contact him for a new contract.
7. Local Board of Appeal & Equalization, “Open Book Meeting” for Thorpe Township will be held Monday, May 13, 2024, from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the Lakeport Township & Fire Hall, 160 County Road 39, SW, Laporte.

Janet read the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting. Lorlie made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Dan seconded. All approved motion carried.

Lorlie made a motion to set the location and time of the next annual meeting to Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Thorpe Town Hall. If there is inclement weather on March 11, the annual meeting will be rescheduled to March 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Thorpe Town Hall. Dan seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Dan made a motion to continue this annual meeting until August 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Thorpe Town Hall. Dan seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:47 pm