

Coe Township Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members attending: Steve Simpson, Annie Tague, Betsey Morthland, Rick Mitton, Mark Kruckenberg, Mike O'Hara, and Bev Hansen

Guests attending: Jim Hecker, Stan Woodburn and Kenny Reveal

Minutes from the November meeting were read. Betsey moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mike 2nd, motion passed.

Public Comments:

- none

Supervisor report:

- the auditors reported that they completed the Comptroller's report, it has been submitted and they have received confirmation that the comptroller received it ... they are working on the Township audit and expect to report in January regarding that audit
- there were 2 uses of the Township building – 1 for 4H and 1 for a family gathering
- Steve talked to the individuals for the Cemetery board and sextons – they agreed to take the positions ... they will probably meet in January. Checks have been made out and will be presented at the 1st board meeting

Highway Commissioner:

- started plowing for snow – went through a fair amount of salt, will order another semi-load ... equipment operated as expected, went pretty well
- did patching prior to the snowfall
- Culvert inspections:
 - located measured and inspected the culverts in the township – was a necessary thing to do, found things that needed attention
 - Township has 157 under-the-road culverts ... 67 of them need attention, some major ... 1 in particular needs major attention this coming spring
 - found tubes ½ full ... found tubes where they could find one end but not the other ... found tubes that were 100% full
 - checked on rental prices for equipment and with Topper and Wainwright for excavation and fuel prices ... will cost over \$100,000 to replace a 14'x80' culvert
 - major work will need to be done on some of the culverts

Assessor's report:

- responded to FOIA request – downloaded it to an Excel spreadsheet

Clerk's report:

- fixed the township website (www.toi.org/coetownship) ... still trying to format it

Cemetery report:

- official report will be forthcoming at the January meeting

Bills

- Mike moved to pay the bills, Mark 2nd, motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Levy

- Township
 - Proposal: Levy the same amount as last year
 - Betsey made a motion to approve the proposal, Mark 2nd, motion passed

- Road and Bridge Levy
 - the Township is very underfunded on the bridge funds ... with a 4.9% increase we're looking at 4-5 years before we can get matching funds from the county
 - we have to get better at where we pull funds from, not just take everything out of Road & Bridge ... the culvert work can be taken out of bridge funds ... we need to be more attentive to where in the budget the costs are accounted
 - Proposal: Raise the Levy by 4.9%
 - Mark moved to approve the proposal, Mike 2nd, motion passed as follows:
 - Mark – aye
 - Mike – aye
 - Betsey – no
 - Paul – absent
 - Steve - aye

2. Township Recycling

- Steve talked to RIC Waste Management group – they don't have people within the county that does recycling ... they negotiate with agencies that do that ... they don't have people that do batteries or hazardous waste
- regarding Cowboy Recycling – it was suggested to see if they have an EPA permit, but not our problem
- Proposal: set-up an E-waste recycling program with Cowboy Recycling for Saturday January 11, 2014 here at the Township building, 9-1pm
- Betsey moved to approve the Proposal, Mike 2nd, motion passed
- Steve will set it up with Cowboy Recycling
- we could put up bins for recycling like at the fairgrounds for cardboard, paper, and metal ... Steve will talk to RIC Waste Management about it and report back

Mark moved to adjourn, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.