

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

March 8, 2005

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Township Clerk Pat Bantli opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Township personnel were introduced to those assembled.

MSP Steve Nelson/Kathy Schmoeckel all ayes
moved to approve Fred Brandt as moderator for the meeting.

MSP Jim Hiniker/Joel Addison all ayes
moved approval of the March 9, 2004 annual meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer Gloria Sell read the 2004 board of audit statement confirming that all claims were reviewed and accepted before checks were issued.

Treasurer Gloria Sell read the 2004 annual statement of balances that totaled \$1,060,968.87.

Chief of Police Steve Nelson reported an 8.4% increase in animal control complaints (104), 3.0% increase in burning permits (112), and 6.0% increase in police related complaints (484). A post board audit was completed in June of 2004. Results were very favorable for Stillwater Township. A burning ban starting in early April will be in effect for about 6 weeks unless it is a wet spring. Neighbors were encouraged to be considerate of each other.

Jim Hiniker reported that the park committee meets the second Monday of the month when there is business to attend to. Residents are welcome to be present. Consideration is being given to the future development of parks and trails in the township. Children's play equipment and the surface for their play area is being dealt with.

The township's new building inspector Jack Kramer introduced himself. He dealt with 130 building permits this past year. Also, permits from past years are now all up to date.

Jim Doriott mentioned that there had been 11 planning commission meetings in 2004 and 4 public hearings. Two major issues were the ATV Ordinance review and plans to do away with the conservancy zoning designation in Stillwater Township. Jim praised the members for their knowledge and dedication.

Sheila-Marie Untiedt explained the 2006 levy. The town board recommends a \$590,000.00 levy for 2006 which is a 2.6% increase from the 2005 levy. The

donations to Youth Services \$5,150.00, the Stillwater Sports Complex, \$5,165.00, and the St. Croix Athletic Partnership \$5,000.00 were included in the levy.

MSP Ray Hoyt/Kathy Schmoeckel all ayes
moved to remove from the levy the donations to Youth Services, the Stillwater Sports Complex, and the St. Croix Athletic Partnership. The base levy would then be \$574,685.00.

MSP Ray Hoyt/Jim Hiniker all ayes
moved that all three groups as listed in the motion above will not be paid the 2006 stipend until they explain in person what the money will be used for. Representatives from these groups are to be at the August 11, 2005 town board meeting.

MSP Jim Hiniker/Jim Doriott 10 ayes, 7 nays
moved a \$10,000.00 budget to look into developing a township website. The town board will vote whether to implement a plan for a website or not. They will get a group together and have them make their suggestions to the board members at the first meeting in August.

Fred Brandt asked that all families in the township be assessed \$30.00 yearly for conservation issues.

MSP Jim Hiniker/Linda Countryman all ayes
moved to ask the planning commission to investigate conservancy funding by way of a referendum.

MSP Sheila-Marie Untiedt/Lee Busse all ayes
moved that the Stillwater Township 2006 annual meeting be at 7:00 p.m. on March 14, 2006 in the Stillwater Town Hall.

Linda Countryman thanked those in attendance for being present. "This is township government at its best."

MSP Steve Nelson/Ray Hoyt all ayes
moved to adjourn the 2005 Stillwater Township annual meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Bantli
Stillwater Township Clerk