

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

March 14, 2006

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/Dale Joy all ayes  
moved that Richard Schultz serve as moderator for the evening.

MSP Ed Otis/Sheila-Marie Untiedt all ayes  
moved to approve the March 8, 2005 annual meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer Gloria Sell confirmed that all claims were reviewed and approved before checks were issued in 2005.

Treasurer Gloria Sell read the 2005 annual statement of balances that totaled \$924,771.93.

Handouts contained information regarding the 2007 proposed levy and 2007 proposed budget.

MSP Lois Cutler/Sue Joy all ayes  
moved to approve the treasurer's report of 2005 balances.

Paul Weiler (Youth Services) was present to ask for \$5,300.00 support in 2007. Colleen Danford (Lucy Winton Bell Soccer Fields) was present to ask for \$5,000.00 support in 2007. Both items have been included in the 2007 levy.

Chief of Police Steve Nelson gave a short background of how he started as an elected township constable and now has Chief of Police status. He encouraged residents to get burning permits early. Burning permits are free for burning buckthorn. Dogs must be licensed and this year new licenses are due. He mentioned the many wild animal sightings in the township such as bear, coyotes, cougars, and a black panther. Coyotes are not a protected animal. West Nile disease in area birds has been noted. Amelia Untiedt asked what you should do when you see a bear in your yard. Steve said to give them plenty of room, stay inside and they will move on looking for food.

Jim Doriott, who is the new liaison person for the park committee, spoke about developers' park fees for the trail system and parks in the township.

MSP Ed Otis/Sue Joy all ayes  
moved to direct the town board to develop a map of Stillwater Township by the end of 2006 that includes current and future parks and trails.

Building Inspector Jack Kramer commented on the 133 building permits issued in 2005. The total valuation is \$4,246,433.40.

Sheila-Marie Untiedt gave a run down on some of what the planning commission has been considering in the past year: accessory buildings, conservancy zoning elimination and three large subdivisions. For the future consideration will be given to a new comprehensive plan, natural resources, planning strategy for the 2015 annexation deadline, and a change in notices being sent to surrounding property owners to 2,500 feet for zoning issues.

Robert Ranalla was present to show us the new website that he has created and will keep up.

Bev Petrie the new editor for the township newsletter was present to introduce herself. She will be creating three to four newsletters yearly and coordinate with the website.

David Johnson talked about the joint planning board. The board meets when there are issues to discuss about the orderly annexation area. He expressed that the City of Stillwater has been willing to listen to the township.

David Johnson went over the total bank balances with the residents. He explained that the improvement bonds of 1997 were in the minus because the bonds had been paid off early which will save the township high interest charges. The escrow funds are in the minus because some charges have not yet been paid. Collection of outstanding escrow funds is in process.

MSP Steve Nelson/Ed Otis all ayes  
moved to approve the proposed levy of \$647,700.00.

MSP Ed Otis/Jenna Gibson all ayes  
moved that the March 13, 2007 annual meeting will take place in the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

MSP Ed Otis/Dale Joy all ayes  
moved to adjourn the annual meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Bantli  
Stillwater Township Clerk