

Royalton Township Annual Meeting Minutes

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Approved

8:17 p.m., Tuesday, 8 March 2022, Clerk Duane Swanson called the Royalton Township annual meeting to order, with approximately nine residents and one guest present. Clerk Swanson noted that this meeting had been duly posted and published. The assembly recited the pledge of allegiance.

8:19 p.m., The assembly's first order of business was to elect a moderator. No one volunteered. Wayne Olson was nominated and elected by acclamation. Mr. Olson assumed the chair and stated the order of business.

8:21 p.m., Clerk Swanson moved, Patrice DeGray seconded, to adopt the agenda as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:22 p.m., Patrice DeGray moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to dispense with the reading of the annual meeting minutes of 9 March 2021 because they were printed in the annual meeting packet that was available to each attendee and, further, to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:23 p.m., Moderator Olson noted that the treasurer's report as prepared by Treasurer Wendy Tchida was included in the annual meeting packet. Patrice DeGray moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the annual meeting packet. The report showed a township total worth of \$537,781.31 as of 31 December 2021, with no indebtedness and no investments. The motion carried unanimously.

8:24 p.m., Moderator Olson noted that the annual road report, as required by statute, and the supplemental reports of the board and planning commission were included in the annual meeting packet. Jeff Schlaeger moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to dispense with the reading of the road report and to approve the reports as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:25 p.m., Moderator Olson moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to allow the board to initiate specific road openings, vacations, or alterations as deemed necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

8:26 p.m., Marshall Pearson moved, Patrice DeGray seconded, to authorize the town board to maintain and conduct business for the town as needed under Minnesota Statutes 365.10: subdivisions 1-18, as well as other statutes requiring approval or prior authorization at the annual

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meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8:26 p.m., Moderator Olson called for general discussion of items of concern: Leslie Orvis requested that the board consider installation of a canopy over the picnic table on the playground and a project to repair the concrete on the entryway to the town hall. The board will consider the former, and the latter is in the process of receiving quotes.

8:27 p.m., Clerk Swanson moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to convene and call to order the next annual meeting at 8:10 p.m., 7 March 2023 (the second Tuesday in March). The motion carried unanimously.

8:27 p.m., Moderator Olson noted that the board had recommended a 2023 levy as follows: general fund at \$104,000, road and bridge fund at \$70,000, fire fund at \$20,000, and an equipment replacement fund at \$25,000 for a total levy of \$219,000. He explained that the assembly could set a levy at this meeting, or the annual meeting could be recessed until a later date for finalization of the levy. Leslie Orvis moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to adopt the levy as recommended and not to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8:28 p.m., Head Judge Gary Valvoda presented the precinct summary statement and read the abstract of votes as presented by the election judges: There were 43 in-person voters and 1 absentee voter. For the office of supervisor, Jeff Schlaeger received 44 votes. For the office of clerk, Duane Swanson received 35 votes, Andrea Anderson received nine write-in votes. Moderator Olson thanked the election judges.

Moderator Olson called for any other items of discussion. Marshall Pearson brought up the issue of township organization. Audience members noted that some townships have a five-member board of supervisors while others have appointed clerks and/or treasurers. After discussion, the consensus of the group seemed to be in favor of retaining the current organizational structure at this time. Patrice DeGray encouraged the production of a periodic (possibly annual) newsletter to keep residents informed. She also noted that the website was not very user-friendly and encouraged an upgrade of the site.

8:32 p.m., Moderator Olson asked if there was any other business that should come before the meeting. Hearing none, Jeff Schlaeger moved, Marshall Pearson seconded, to adjourn the annual meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Town Clerk

Attest: Wayne Olson, Moderator