

Royalton Township Reconvened Annual Meeting Minutes
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27 August 2024
Approved

At 7:34 p.m., 27 August 2024, Clerk Duane Swanson called the reconvened 2024 annual meeting to order. About 25 individuals were in the audience. He explained that the announcement of this meeting had been duly published and posted. The assembly recited the pledge of allegiance. Clerk Swanson called for nominations for the position of moderator. No nominations were made. After no objections had been made, Clerk Swanson offered to continue as moderator. He explained that the sole purpose of this meeting is to set the 2025 levy. The annual meeting of 13 March 2024 had recessed until this date without finalizing a levy. Moderator Swanson explained that the board had recommended the following levy: General fund, \$104,000.00; road and bridge fund, \$70,000.00; fire fund, \$25,000.00, and equipment replacement fund, \$20,000 for a total levy of \$219,000.00. This levy has remained constant for at least thirteen years, although the recommendation includes an expansion of the fire fund of \$5,000 and a reduction of the equipment replacement fund of \$5,000.

Moderator Swanson called for audience discussion. Electors questioned whether the fire fund was adequately levied (it is not but the general fund can be tapped), whether the equipment fund would grow sufficiently to meet future needs (the town just made major expenditures on a grader and plow truck), and whether it would be better to levy in special funds or in the general fund. Moderator Swanson noted that it is easier to transfer money from the general fund to the special funds than vice versa. Several electors noted that taxes were high enough and that Pine City school district residents may be faced with increasing school levies. Greg Schneider moved, Roger Teich seconded, to adopt the proposed levy. The motion carried without audible dissent.

At 7:45 p.m., John McKenzie moved, Pete Belland seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried without audible dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk and Moderator

ATTEST:

Jeff Schlaeger, Board Chair