



Little Falls Township

LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL MINUTES 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 13, 2018

1. Clerk Bonnie Bieniek called the meeting to order at 8:20pm.
Present: Bonnie Bieniek, George Sandy III, John Theis, Dave Becker, Mike Fox, Stephen Browning, Jerry Smude, Eric Smude, Ron Miller, Marv Miller, Don Feige, Sherry Feige, Jim Frie, Ernie Simon, Chuck Parins, Joann Sowada, Vic Bieniek
2. The 2018 Annual Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Election of a Moderator:**
George Sandy III nominated Dave Becker to be the moderator. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried. George Sandy III made a motion to pay the moderator a stipend of \$85.00 for the meeting. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.
4. **Announce the Agenda for rest of the Meeting:**
The Moderator, Dave Becker, announced the remaining agenda items, asking for any additions or corrections. John Theis made a motion to approve the agenda. George Sandy III seconded the motion; motion carried.
5. **Minutes – Action:**
Joann Sowada made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2017 Meeting Minutes and approve the distributed copy. Don Feige seconded the motion; motion carried.
6. **Clerk reading of Board of Audit Report:**
Clerk Bonnie Bieniek read the 2017 Board of Audit report. John Theis made a motion to approve the 2017 Board of Audit Report. Jim Frie seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. **Reading of Treasurer’s Report:**
Vic Bieniek made a motion to waive the reading of all the checks and accept the written report in the LF TWP 2017 News Update. Chuck Parins seconded the motion; motion carried.
8. **Road Report: 2017 road report: (Road Supervisor)**
George Sandy III, Road Supervisor shared the 2017 Road Report. The Report is printed in the LF TWP 2017 News Update. There was a discussion about the roads and snowplowing with the residents giving Dave Larson a compliment about the great job he does with snowplowing.
Don Feige made a motion to approve the Road Report. Marv Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.

9. Setting Levies for 2019:

- a. *General Revenue:* **\$60,000**
- b. *Road & Bridge:* **\$125,000**
- c. *Fire Fund:* **\$20,000**
- d. *Capital Investment/ Reserve:* **\$125,000**
- e. *Total Levy:* **\$330,000**

Ron Miller made a motion to accept the levy proposal made by the Board as: General Revenue -\$60,000, Road & Bridge - \$125,000, Fire Fund - \$20,000, Capital Investment - \$125,000 with Total Levy - \$330,000. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.

10. Report of Annual Election:

Head Judge Joann Sowada reported that 30 votes were cast with Incumbent Supervisor Charles Parins and Incumbent Clerk Bonnie Bieniek each received all 30 votes.

11. Authorize Requested Funding:

a. Crisis Line & Referral Service:

Ron Miller made a motion to donate **\$250** to Crisis Line & Referral Services on condition they provide the correct paper work. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. Senior Citizens, Inc.:

George Sandy III made a motion to donate **\$500** to the Senior Citizens, Inc. Marv Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. Horizon Health (Faith in Action):

Ron Miller made a motion to donate **\$300** to Horizon Health (Faith in Action) providing they provide the correct paper work. Don Feige seconded the motion; motion carried.

d. Community Services:

John Theis made a motion to donate **\$4000** to Community Services for the benefit of children residences in LF TWP. Eric Smude seconded the motion; motion carried.

e. Darling/Green Prairie Park

George Sandy III made a motion to donate **\$600** to the Darling/Green Prairie Park. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.

f. Morrison County Historical Society:

Sherry Feige made a motion to donate **\$1500** to the Morrison County Historical Society. Don Feige seconded the motion; motion carried.

g. Pine Grove Zoo:

Don Feige made a motion to donate **\$500** to the Pine Grove Zoo. Vic Bieniek seconded the motion; motion carried.

h. Linden Hill:

Vic Bieniek made a motion to donate **\$500** to Linden Hill which will be used for a special outdoor electrical wiring project. Chuck Parins seconded the motion, motion carried.

i. Ag Society:

Ron Miller made a motion to donate **\$1000** to the Agricultural Society. Chuck Parins seconded the motion; motion carried.

12. Any other Business:

a. Approve the New Meeting Dates:

George Sandy III made a motion to approve the new meeting dates that are printed in the Township News Update on page 2. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. MC Humane Society Contract:

Michael Fox, from the MC Humane Society, attended the Township meeting to clear up some issues with the MC Humane Society Contract. Resident, Don Feige addressed issues with cats in their neighborhood. Because the LF Township is paying for a contract with the

Humane Society, the LF Township Board had advised Mr. Feige to take the cats to the Humane Society. After taking the cats in, there was some misunderstanding. After a discussion, the matter was cleared, and the contract will be honored.

John Theis made a motion to approve the payment to the Humane Society and then it will be revisited again in December when the contract comes up for renewal. Don Feige seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. Steven Browning run for DFL 9B:

Mr. Browning asked for some time to speak to the constituents about his platform. He will be running for DFL Representative 9B in the November Election.

d. Airport Road Update:

George Sandy III explained where the construction of this road would be. He also explained where we are in the process right now. A discussion about the project proceeded. Resident, Ron Miller commented that the TWP should make sure they get enough land to have a proper ROW.

e. Veterans Memorial Trail:

Charles Parins reported that the trail is in the final planning stages. The DNR will be maintaining the trail. Long term strategy is to connect all the trails which will give our residents a trail to follow and won't have to travel ditches. We should be seeing progress this summer.

f. LF TWP Comprehensive Plan:

Charles Parins mentioned the LF TWP does have a Comprehensive Plan that is probably 20 years old and went on to explain the process of creating a new plan. The Board will be looking for a steering committee made up of residents to get public input. During this process, there will be public meetings held. We will be getting professional assistance from Region 5 so the Township cost should be around \$2,500.

g. Cemetery:

An extensive discussion took place about the care of the Cemetery being donated by the Erdrich family. The Township does have Sentence to Serve do work there also from time to time. It is historical and there is a lot of history behind it. Many options and discussion were brought forward.

13. General Discussion:

****Clean Up Day:***

Chuck Parins stated that Clean Up Day will be May 5, 2018 at 8am – 11:30am. Chuck also explained why it will be ending one half earlier than usual was because the Landfill closed at noon. Ending at 11:30 will allow the workers time to get the tires to the Landfill.

Don Feige made a motion to send a thank you to the County Commissioners from the LF Township for raising the grant funds helping with recycling costs. Joann Sowada seconded the motion; motion carried.

****LF Town Hall Community Center:***

Residents are renting the Town Hall for other nonresidents. John Theis is asking the residents if it is acceptable to add wording to the Rental Agreement stating this will be reasonable if the resident, themselves, are present the whole day.

Vic Bieniek made a motion to allow the wording to be changed in the Rental Agreement. Jerry Smude seconded the motion; motion carried.

****Township Website:*** www.littlefallstowship.com

Clerk Bonnie Bieniek addressed the website stating this is still a work in progress. Constituents were encouraged to use the website and give input of information that would be beneficial for the public.

****2020 Census***

Chuck Parins shared that the Township is participating. The residents are encouraged to fill out their Census Reports as soon as they are received in the mail.

****Fire Report***

Chuck Parins shared information with the residents that was in the Annual Fire Report. If any resident is interested in reading the report they are more than welcome.

14. Select a Paper of Publishing and Posting Places:

George Sandy III made a motion to name the Morrison County Record as the official paper and the posting places as the Display Board in front of the building and on the Township Website. John Theis seconded the motion; motion carried.

15. Set Time and Place for 2019 Annual Meeting (March 12, 2019):

John Theis made a motion for the 2019 Annual Meeting to be held at the LF Townhall at 8:15pm on March 12, 2019. George Sandy III seconded the motion; motion carried.

16. Adjournment:

George Sandy III made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57pm. Eric Smude seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk

Moderator