

**Mantrap Township
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024**

The Annual Township meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM on March 12, 2024, by Clerk Lonna Theede. Also present were Supervisors Kim Olson, Russ Keller, Milica Stanfel and Treasurer Laura Scanlon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Carice Golberg-Cummins was acknowledged and thanked for her years of service with the Township. She was unable to attend. A Certificate of Service will be presented at a later date.

The Clerk called for a moderator of the meeting. Sue Ryan volunteered. Motion to approve by Vicky Rabe. Second by Randy Duce. ABA.

Supervisor Olson presented introductory remarks.

1. Introduction of new clerk Lonna Theede and Treasurer Scanlon
2. Reminder to view the newsletter online.
3. Intention to place on ballot the suggested change of Clerk and Treasurer roles from an elected position to an appointed position in order to increase the field of applicants in the future. Currently the jobs must be filled by a township resident.
4. Update on Island View culvert/bridge project. Residents are informed the township qualifies for over \$330,000 of state funding for the project. Maximum responsibility from the township will be \$10,000 for engineering and \$10,000 for construction. Next step is to survey the road. Randy Duce asks if the DNR is involved. Olson informs that County, State, DNR and Soil and Water are all involved.

Motion to waive the reading of 2023 annual meeting minutes by Sharon Knowlton, second by Randy Duce. ABA

Any changes or additions to the 2023 minutes. Vicky Rabe informs that she was last year's moderator of the meeting. Laura Scanlon notes that the donation list has one duplicate service listed. She clarifies that 6 non profit organizations received \$500.00 each and the remaining 9 organizations received an equal share of the remaining \$500.00. Corrections were made. Motion to approve the changes by Ron Rabe, second by Kim Olson. ABA

Clerk Theede read the financial status. Motion to approve by Randy Duce, second by John Weber. ABA

The 2025 levy was posted and reviewed by Treasurer Scanlon. Proposed levy is \$304,000 (general fund \$71,000; road and bridge \$198,000; fire fund \$35,000). The proposed levy is an increase of 7% to account for inflation. Income from investments and gas tax will be used for budget shortfalls or added to reserve. Motion to approve the levy by Steve Keranen. Second by John Weber. ABA

The Charitable Contribution organizations are reviewed by Olson. Representatives for the North Country National Scenic Trail, Living at Home of Park Rapids, and Kinship of Park Rapids area were

given time to speak. Ballots were distributed with instructions to select top 6 choices. Donation amount for 2024 is \$3000.00 to be divided equally between 6 organizations.

Donation request:

1. North Country National Scenic Trail
2. Living at Home of Park Rapids
3. Hubbard County Food Shelf
4. Kinship of PR area
5. Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning
6. Support Within Reach
7. Park Rapids Area Library
8. Hubbard County Historical Museum
9. Nevis Senior Center
10. Hubbard First Response and Rescue
11. Family Safety Network of Walker
12. Headwaters Animal Shelter
13. YESS - Youth Emergency Shelter and Support
14. MAHUBE-OTWA, Park Rapids
15. Lakes Area Dive Team

Steve Keranen spoke as County Commissioner.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Rabe. Second by Marlene Weber. ABA

ABA= Approved by all