

## Annual Town Meeting

March 8, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting, held in the Town of Camden in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, at the Camden Town Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chair Bill Devine.

A motion was made by Mike Meuleners, seconded by Bruce Clark to appoint Roger Sauerbrey as Moderator. Sauerbrey accepted. Motion carried.

The clerk read the meeting notice that was posted at the Town Hall in New Germany.

The clerk read the minutes of the March 9, 2021, Annual Meeting. A motion was made by M. Meuleners, seconded by Gary Grimm to approve the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

Proposed 2023 fire contracts discussion – Newly appointed New Germany fire chief Ryan Goede spoke on their plans to purchase a new tanker for \$289,000 with delivery date not until end of 2023 or early 2024, replacing a ‘94 Ford stick. Fire chief Dan Ruschmeier is retiring after 27 years and is moving out of area. NYA Fire chief Steve Zumberg said contract staying the same for 2022 & 2023. He went over handout of calls, budget, and future plans to purchase a power unit for tanker.

Treasurer Denise Zellmann read the audited 2021 Financial Report, with an ending total balance of \$379,167.69. Sauerbrey asked what the \$2,308.06 amount under Purchase of Investments column. It was stated it was interest, but it will be investigated. Discussion on fire funds ensued – Grimm said cost per unit should be public with details available. M. Meuleners requested that next year’s annual meeting cost per fire unit should be reported and then cost of extra fire equipment purchases also reported. A motion made by Virgil Stender, seconded by M. Meuleners to approve the 2021 Financial Report as read. Motion carried.

Handout was available from Commissioner John Fahey on county updates, including Hwy. 212 road construction. Clerk Goede shared plans from Carver County on bridge replacement with road closure on County Road 32, starting in June 2022. Sauerbrey spoke on census information and changes in representation, etc.

### Road Report:

Handout was available for review. Supervisor Goede asked if there were any questions. He stated the grader is paid off, with no new major purchases planned. Snow wheels instead of shoes on plow truck. Stender asked if chips were available from the county. Goede said they are, but township does not need any at this time. Two new part time employees were hired, David Traver and Alan Thompson, both are working out well. Predicting bad spring roads this year, seeing large cracks in roads with deep frost. Washboard roads were discussed by M. Meuleners, Grimm. F. Meuleners said more maintenance on road needs to be done, that too much chloride was put down and still need to be graded shallow.

### Levy Recommendation:

General Levy - \$50,000. Motion by Stender, seconded by Dave VanEyll to approve levy as presented of \$50,000. Motion carried.  
Road & Bridge - \$190,000 Motion by M. Meuleners, seconded by Grimm to approve levy as presented of \$190,000. Motion carried.

Fire Fund - \$99,500. Motion by Stender, seconded by Clark to approve levy as presented of \$99,500. Motion carried.

A motion was made F. Meuleners, seconded by Sue VanEyll to recommend the following papers for the publishing of legal notices: The Waconia Patriot, News and Times and the Herald Journal. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stender, seconded by F. Meuleners to hold the 2023 Annual meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March (March 14<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Shed. Motion carried.

Changing regular monthly meeting to second Tuesday of the month starting in April 2022. Sauerbrey stated that for elections, those meetings may have to be changed.

**Open discussion:** Clerk Goede said she will be moving out of the township, introducing Kayla Coil who is in training and will be appointed to finish out Goede’s term expiring in 2024.

There being no further discussion or business, a motion was made by F. Meuleners, seconded by M. Meuleners to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carried.

  
Moderator

