

Tuesday March 12, 2024 Annual Knife Lake Township Meeting

Meeting called to order by clerk Kim Christenson at 8:10 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nominations were opened to choose a moderator. Ken Mattson nominated Dave Etter. The nomination was seconded by Mary Fratzke. By unanimous vote Dave Etter was approved as moderator.

Motion, Second, Carried (MSC) (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to approve the agenda as presented.

The Knife Lake Township Annual Meeting minutes were presented, it was MSC (Ken Mattson, Mary Fratzke) to approve the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting.

The 2023 financial report was presented. Questions were answered about yearly receipts and expenses. MSC (Mary Fratzke, Jerry Evenson) to approve the 2023 financial report.

Supervisor Ken Mattson presented the road report. Information was presented on road graveling and Class 5 gravel that was used in 2023. Less graveling was done in 2023 which helped with the 2023 budget due to the overabundance of snow and snow plowing in early 2023. No major road projects or brushing was done in 2023 because of the expense of snow plowing. One culvert was put in on 228th Ave. The board will be looking at road projects for 2024 in the upcoming meetings.

Discussion and action was taken on setting township levies for taxes payable in 2025. The recommendations made by the Board of Supervisors at their February 15, 2024 meeting were to increase the General Fund Levy to \$63,000, to keep the Road and Bridge Fund Levy at \$35,000, and to increase the Fire Fund to \$49,000. MSC (Mary Fratzke, Jerry Evenson) to set the 2025 General Fund Levy at \$63,000, set the 2025 Road and Bridge Levy at \$35,000, and to set the 2025 Fire Levy at \$49,000.

Kim Christenson presented the uncertified election results. A total of fifty (36) ballots were cast.

Three-year term for Supervisor:

Ken Mattson received 33 votes
Rickey Mattson received 2 votes
1 blank ballot

Two-year term for Clerk:

Kim Christenson received 32 votes
Mary Jane received 1 vote
3 blank ballots

Written requests for financial support from Knife Lake Township were received by six organizations. Letters were received by Kanabec County Sheriff's Reserve, Family Pathways, Kanabec County Veterans Memorial, Kanabec County Ag Society, New Pathways, and Seven County Senior Federation. MSC (Ken Mattson, Jerry Evenson) to recommend that the Knife Lake Township Board of Supervisors approve a donation, up to \$500 to each organization that has completed an application for Township Health and Welfare Funds.

MSC (Jerry Evenson, Mary Fratzke) to set the voting hours from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for 2025 township election, with the annual meeting to start at 8:15 PM. Date: March 11, 2025.

MSC (Jerry Evenson, Mary Fratzke) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Clerk

Moderator