

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TOWNSHIP OF CORDOVA

April 8, 2014 – 7 p.m.
Cordova Civic Center

Approved April 14, 2015

Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk, called the Annual Town Meeting of Cordova Township to order at 7 p.m. in the Cordova Civic Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call of Township Officers was as follows:

Present: Supervisor Jon Kavanaugh, Morris McLaughlin, Bonnie Hanna, Trustees and Sandra Gustafson, Cordova Township Clerk,.

Absent: Trustees JoAnne Boone, Robert Coers and Road Commissioner Chris Filbert.

Also present: Pam Bruner and Scott Jepson, electors.

The Clerk asked for nominations for Moderator. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion that Scott Jepson act as moderator; Bonnie Hanna seconded it. Motion carried.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office for Moderator to Scott Jepson.

The minutes of the April 16, 2013, Annual Town Meeting were distributed. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Moderator Jepson requested the Clerk to read the annual report that contained both the Supervisor's and Highway Commissioner's reports. Bonnie Hanna made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

Resolution I was read by the Clerk. Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Jon Kavanaugh, to approve Resolution I to Put Cemeteries in a More Respectable Condition. Motion carried.

Moderator Jepson directed the Clerk to read Resolution II. Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to accept Resolution II that provides for the Decoration and Maintenance of US Military Graves. Motion carried.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner to adopt Resolution III establishing the fiscal year for 2014-2015 beginning April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Bonnie Hanna made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to adopt Resolution IV to prepare the 2014-2015 budget and levy and file said budget with the Township Clerk to be made conveniently available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to final adoption, and to levy such taxes as necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the town as authorized in the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2014, and concluding March 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to adopt Resolution V for the Township Board of Trustees to hire a Certified Public Accountant to audit all accounts of all Town Funds of which the supervisor is treasurer, for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2014 and continuing to and including March 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to adopt Resolution VI to authorize the Township Trustees, if necessary and in such amounts as may be reasonably required, to make inter-fund transfers, in accordance with applicable laws, from one or more Town funds and other Town funds or to any fund raised by taxation to meet Town charges and expenses of said Town until the time of receiving revenues levied for the fiscal year. Motion carried.

Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Morris McLaughlin, to adopt Resolution VII to establish a sum of fifty dollars (\$50) to compensate the Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Hanna, to adopt Resolution VIII to empower the electors of Cordova Township under IL Rev. Stat CH 193, para 39.21, to set the Town Meeting for 2015 on April 14, 2015, at 7 p.m., in the Cordova Civic Center. Motion carried.

Jon Kavanaugh made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to adopt Resolution IX authorizing the Township Board of Trustees to contract with for profit, not-for-profit, or non-sectarian organizations to provide funds for Senior citizen services or that the Township directly provide senior services as deemed necessary by the Township Board of Trustees and continue in full force and effect unless revoked, amended or modified by a subsequent vote of the electors at a duly called meeting of electors. Motion carried.

Morris McLaughlin made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to adopt Resolution X authorizing the Township Board of Trustees to contract with for profit, not-for-profit, or non-sectarian organizations to provide funds for Youth services or that the Township directly provide youth services as deemed necessary by the Township Board of Trustees and continue in full force and effect unless revoked, amended or modified by a subsequent vote of the electors at a duly called meeting of electors. This resolution is to be coordinated with the police department. Motion carried.

Bonnie Hanna made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to adopt Resolution XI authorizing the Township Board of Trustees to provide for Mosquito Control and Abatement or to enter into contractual agreements with counties or with a public or private entity for purposes of mosquito control and mosquito abatement activities. Motion carried.

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

The Clerk was directed to read the “Notes from the Treasurer” which are as follows:

The overall conditions of the funds held by the Township are in good financial shape. The Board and Road Commissioner continue to monitor the financial condition and take a conservative approach to spending and taxing the taxpayers of the Cordova Township.

A major liability to the IMRF retirement unfunded liabilities account are being addressed with the upswing in the stock market and the additional payments of \$31,500 in fiscal year 2013. Our current unfunded liability has been reduced and should be nearing 100 percent funding. To put this into perspective in 2010, the unfunded liability was \$242,595. Cordova Township has no authority to control the investments of IMRF, and movements in the stock market can affect the retirement liabilities.

The Cordova Township Board and the Cordova Township Park District have been taking steps to transfer the maintenance of the Park area around the Civic Center over to the Cordova Township Park District. Update: An intergovernmental agreement has been reached with the Park District. The Park District will hire a private contractor to perform grounds maintenance and offset the cost of insurance.

Future Projects: Office expansion and an Armed Forces Memorial in the Cordova Cemetery with fundraising efforts to cover costs. A committee has been planning for this project and will start fundraising during this fiscal year.

Road District: The Road District is currently planning for bridge replacements on 206th Avenue North and River Road North. This project will require the funding from the Road District taxpayers entirely **or** by authorizing a bridge tax that would allow the Road District to apply for matching funds from Rock Island County. It is the opinion of the Road Commissioner and Supervisor that it is in the best interest of the Road District and Township to proceed with the procedural requirements to have the question placed on the ballot for the full consideration of the taxpayers. By approving this question to authorize a bridge tax, this action potentially would reduce the amount to 50% of the project. Be it understood, this bridge tax has to be in place two years prior to submitting a formal request to Rock Island County to offset 50% of the bridge project.

Respectfully, Jon Kavanaugh, Cordova Township Supervisor

As there was no further business to discuss Bonnie Hanna made a motion, seconded by Pam Bruner, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Gustafson
Cordova Township Clerk

Scott Jepson
Moderator