Attendance: See attachment #1.

Annual Meeting

Sugar Bush Township

March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the Clerk/Kara Carselle.

Pledge to the flag was given.

Motion by Joel Phillips, 2nd by Henry Preston to elect Jennifer Preston as moderator. Motion carried.

The agenda for the meeting was read by the moderator.

Motion by Ryan Reiplinger, 2nd by Henry Preston to accept the agenda as read. Motion carried.

Motion by Joel Phillips, 2nd by Ryan Reiplinger to dispense with the reading of the 2023 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Henry Preston, 2nd by Joel Phillips to dispense with the reading of the Board of Audit Report, since it was posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Reiplinger, 2nd by Henry Preston to dispense with the reading of the Committee reports. Motion carried. See Attachment #2, #3, #4 and #5.

The Sugar Bush Township Board does not recommend raising the levy.

Motion by Henry Preston, 2nd by Joel Phillips to approve the setting of the general levy for 2024 at \$63,487.43. Motion carried. 8:11 p.m.

Motion by Joel Phillips, 2nd by Ryan Reiplinger to set the Road and Bridge Fund at \$9,523.38. Motion carried.

Motion by Henry Preston, 2nd by Josl Phillips to set the Fire Fund at \$4,445.45. Motion carried.

The clerk announced the election results. Sixteen ballots were cast. Six ballots for Ryan Reiplinger.

Motion by Ryan Reiplinger, 2nd by Henry Preston to set the next annual meeting for March 11, 2025, following immediately after ballots have been counted and verified, at the town hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Joel Phillips, 2nd by Ryan Reiplinger to send \$100.00 donations to Support Within Reach, Beltrami County Historical Society and Bernidji Senior Center.

Motion by Henry Preston, 2nd by Joel Phillips to send a letter to the taxpayers on Brune Road regarding the elimination of mowing the ditches for the 2024 season.

Motion by Henry Preston, 2nd by Joel Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

ANNUAL MEETING SUGARBUSH TOWNSHIP March 12, 2024

Signatures of all in attendance:

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR ZONNG 2023

Zoning meetings were held five times in 2023. A mix of new home, land use and conveyances were approved and sent to the township board for approval. A small increase in zoning activity from the previous year is ongoing and anticipated in the future. Discussions about changes to the ordinances are ongoing with legal expenses being determined. Jim Baruth is continuing to serve as zoning administrator. His service and counsel are sincerely appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR BATO/MAT-

Sugar Bush township remains a member of the Minnesota Association of Townships and the Beltrami Association of Townships. The basic function of these organizations is to interface on behalf of townships to the State of Minnesota, and to create a common insurance group to help protect townships from legal or physical loss.

There have been some membership and administration problems and hiring in 2023. New bylaw changes are on the agenda for March 26, 2024 meeting. Spring short courses are slated for April 3, 2024.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR TOWN HALL

Regular maintenance is ongoing. No major changes are planned.

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Weeds Annual Report We are contracted with PBF specialty Mowers Inc. we have the Ditches moved Twice of year The mowing (service is doing The Weeds knowled John.

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Fire Annual Report

Sugar Bush TWP is contracted with Cass Lake Rural Fire Assoc. for Fire Protection. As a member of Assoc. We have Joint Representation at the Board meetings which meet Quarterly. Considers our forwarden and pumber of Fine Calls. With Trucks and mem.

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