

**SALEM TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 p.m. by Sharon Petersen with the pledge of allegiance.

Sharon Petersen called for nominations for a moderator for this meeting. A motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Brian Connelly to nominate Sonya Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Paula Chantigian to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sonya Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Sonya Mansfield had residents review the minutes from last year's annual meeting. No questions were asked.

#### **Byron Fire Department**

Jeff Thorpe presented information about the upcoming fire department budgets, etc. He also announced that he will be retiring as chief effective March 20, 2018. He also reviewed the fire calls handled in 2017. He also reviewed some of the updates that are going to be done on building repair was done. He also asked people to stop by the fire hall and view the fire truck from 1938 that is stored in the new building. This building was made with donations of funds and labor to construct this building.

Jeff Thorpe reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan and how equipment has been paid for without finance costs. It also saves with discounts allowed for payment up front.

#### **Byron First Responders**

Brian McGregor presented information about the upcoming purchase of a new truck. Calls for the first responders have been increasing, and they expect that to continue. He gave information how calls are handled. Questions were asked by residents about how calls were handled.

### **Unofficial Election Results**

Paula Chantigian read the unofficial elections results. They are as follows:

#### **Supervisor**

<b>Drew Moessner</b>	<b>44 Votes</b>
<b>No Write in Votes</b>	

#### **Clerk**

<b>Sharon Petersen</b>	<b>42 Votes</b>
<b>Brenda DeCook</b>	<b>2 Votes</b>

### **Set Time for Next Year's Meeting**

After discussion a motion was made by John Connelly and seconded by Gail Fritts to set the polling hours from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the annual meeting to start after 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Official Posting Designation**

The residents reviewed the possibilities for posting notices. Rick Lutzi brought up the idea of a computer controlled electronic sign for notifying people about upcoming meetings. After discussion, a motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded by Teresa Carstensen to have the official posting place of the posting board outside town hall. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Notification for Next Annual Meeting and Special Meetings or Issues regarding our township**

A motion was made by Jacquie Connelly and seconded by Paula Chantigian to continue sending out newsletters for the annual meeting and post cards for special meetings and or issues. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Burning Permits**

A motion was made by Darwin Bang and seconded by John Connelly to set the fee for burning permits at \$10.00 for the calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report of the Township**

Gail Fritts presented the financial report of the township. Questions were asked about the legal fees that were spent last year. Residents were given an

update on the costs of the legal action taken by the township against Buy Rite Fuels.

Questions were asked about the Willow Run Funds. Resident questions were asked about this road condition and what was done on this road and how the costs have been assessed to the land owners, and any repair costs will be re-assessed to those land owners.

After discussion, a motion was made by Teresa Carstensen and seconded by Paula Chantigian to approve the financial report as given. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Town Road Report**

The town road report was reviewed by residents. No questions were asked about this report.

### **Township Website**

Sharon Petersen reviewed information that is posted on our web site. The web site is [www.salemmn.org](http://www.salemmn.org).

### **Proposed Levies for 2019**

The town board has proposed the following levies for 2019:

Road and Bridge	\$180,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 50,000.00
Fire Building Maint.	\$ 1,000.00
First Responders	\$ 7,500.00
Building Updates	\$ 2,000.00
General Revenue	\$ 45,000.00
Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Legal	\$ 10,000.00

Questions were asked about the aggregate tax that was discontinued by the county. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Weaver and seconded by Jacquie Connelly. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chloride**

The chloride proposal was discussed. A motion was made by David Sackett and seconded Paula Chantigian to continue subsidize a portion of the cost to residents on township roads as previously done. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Gopher Bounty**

A motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded by Teresa Carstensen to set the gopher bounty for pocket gophers and streaky gophers at \$3.50 each. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Beaver Bounty**

A motion was made by Teresa Carstensen and seconded by Diane Connelly to approve the beaver bounty of \$20.00 per animal. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

Rick Lutzi noted that the gas lines coming thru our township will be an item for our residents to keep informed about in the upcoming months. The town board will try to keep information about this on our web site and will be an item for discussion at our town board meetings.

A motion was made by Gail Fritts and seconded by Teresa Carstensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Mansfield  
Moderator

Sharon Petersen  
Clerk