

**SALEM TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 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 Gail Fritts to nominate Sonya Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Teresa Carstensen and seconded by Mike Petersen 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

Matt Grant presented information about the upcoming fire department budgets, etc. He reviewed the fire calls handled in 2018. Byron Fire Department currently has 32 members. They have a waiting list for people who want to join the department. They are currently going to have an energy audit done on the building. The heating and air conditions systems in the building are 27 years old and will need updating in the future. This will be a large capital expense, that will have to be paid for by the townships and the City of Byron.

Byron First Responders

Brian McGregor presented information about the new truck. The cost for the truck was about \$105,000.00. They reviewed the calls handled in 2018 and answered questions from residents.

Unofficial Election Results

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

Brian Connelly	36 Votes
Write In	
Brenda DeCook	1 Vote

Clerk

Gail Fritts	36 Votes
No Write in Votes	

Set Time for Next Year's Meeting

After discussion a motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded by Jacquelyn Connelly to set the polling hours from 3:00 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

After discussion a motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Paula Chantigian to designate the posting board outside Town Hall as the official posting designation for Salem Township for 2019. Notices will also be posted to our web site.

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

A motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded by Teresa Carstensen 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 Drew Moessner and seconded by Gail Fritts 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.

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

Town Road Report

The town road report was given by Brian Connelly. He reviewed road work and projects done in the township in the last year.

Township Website

Sharon Petersen reviewed information that is posted on our web site. The web site is www.salemmn.org.

Proposed Levies for 2019

The town board has proposed the following levies for 2020:

Road and Bridge	\$200,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 55,000.00
Fire Building Maint.	\$ 6,000.00
First Responders	\$ 8,000.00
Building Updates	\$ 10,000.00
General Revenue	\$ 50,000.00
Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Legal	\$ 6,000.00

The Road and Bridge fund was discussed, and residents expressed the need for more funds than recommended by the board. A motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded by Eric DeCook to increase the Road and Bridge Fund to \$220,000.00. The motion passed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Eric DeCook and seconded by John Connelly to approve the total levy of \$356,000.00 for 2020. The details on the levy funds approved are as follows:

Road and Bridge	\$220,000.00
Fire Protection	\$ 55,000.00
Fire Building Maint.	\$ 6,000.00
First Responders	\$ 8,000.00
Building Updates	\$ 10,000.00
General Revenue	\$ 50,000.00
Safety	\$ 1,000.00
Legal	\$ 6,000.00

Total Levy

\$35i6,000.00

Chloride

The chloride proposal was discussed. A motion was made by Paula Chantigian and seconded John Connelly 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 Vince Hoover and seconded by Paula Chantigian 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 Paula Chantigian and seconded by Gail Fritts to approve the beaver bounty of \$20.00 per animal. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The gas lines that were worked on in 2018 and the ones coming through our township were discussed.

It was noted that we will have vacancies on our boards in the future. Anyone interested in getting involved is urged to apply.

A motion was made by Gail Fritts and seconded by John Connelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya Mansfield
Moderator

Sharon Petersen
Clerk

APPROVED