

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2005

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hampton at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Kris Hampton, Steve Anders, Virgil Schroeder and Mike Klinger. A list of attendees is attached (available in Clerk's Office). Also present were Clerk Kim Banigan, Treasurer Debbie Simonson, Highway Superintendent Jeff Smith, Attorneys Connie Anderson and Greg Murray, Police Chief John Gould.
- II. The Clerk read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. **MOTION** by Klinger/Querin-Schultz to approve the minutes as read. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- III. **MOTION** by Schmelzer/Kurt to dispense with the reading of the Annual Town Report and approve the financial report as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- IV. The Clerk read the resolution for borrowing money. **MOTION** by Smith/Klinger to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Borrow Money in Case of Emergency. A resident asked if there was a cap on the borrowing, how often it has been used, and if the Town has insurance. The Board answered that there never has been a cap, it had not been used in recent memory, and the Town does have insurance. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- V. The Clerk read the Resolution Designating Public Depositories . **MOTION** by Klinger/Querin-Schultz to approve the Resolution Designating Public Depositories. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VI. Attorney Anderson explained that Village Boards have greater authority than Town Boards in areas such as contracting and making appointments. Electors can grant Village Powers to the Town Board, which may eliminate the need to call a Special Town meeting as often. The Town of Cottage Grove originally granted Village Powers to the Town Board at the Annual Meeting on April 3, 1956, and since it had been nearly 50 years, the Town Board wished to have it reconfirmed. The Clerk read the resolution. **MOTION** by Kurt/Smith to approve the Resolution Reaffirming Authorization for the Town Board to Exercise Village Powers. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VII. The Clerk read the resolution giving the Town Board Authority to appoint assessors. **MOTION** by Anders/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Town Board to Appoint Assessors. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VIII. Chairman Hampton asked if anyone had any other items to be considered. Simonson asked for a policy to set mileage reimbursement equal to the rate set by the State. **MOTION** by Simonson/Querin-Schultz to update the mileage each year to match what is set by the State. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- IX. Michael Poskie and Richard Boyes presented pictures taken today of the junk accumulation at the residence on the corner of American Way and Liberty, complaining that it had been that way for years, and they want the Town to do something about it. Attorney Murray explained that the Town has secured an agreement to go onto the property to clean it up. The agreement also stipulates that the resident must submit payment in advance to offset the expense of the cleanup, but the resident had since stepped back from that part of the agreement. The Town Board will need to make an economic decision at their next meeting on April 18th, and Poskie and Boyes were urged to attend that meeting.
- X. Set Date for Next Year's meeting: **MOTION** by Klinger/Schroeder to have the next Annual Meeting on April 11, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- XI. Adjournment: **MOTION** by Schroeder/Querin-Schultz to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Kim Banigan
Clerk