

March 12, 2002

On the above date New Scandia Township held the Annual Meeting. Chairman, Dennis Seefeldt, Vice Chairman, Paul Rasmussen, Nancy Madden, John Martineau were also present. Absent Michael Hinz.

The Clerk called the meeting to order and asked for nomination of a Moderator for the meeting. Bruce Swenson was elected.

The Clerk read the Notice of the Annual Meeting and Election regarding the following:

- (1) One Supervisor for a term of 3 years for Seat Five.

The minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting were read. The Clerk reported the expenditures for the fiscal year was \$2,275, 798.90 and the Treasurer reported the revenue for the fiscal year was \$2,352,209.82. Mike White made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 13, 2001 and the Clerk and Treasurer's report for the year of 2001. Peter Schwarz seconded the motion and motion adopted.

#### **Planning Commission Report/Peter Schwarz**

Peter Schwarz Chairman of the Planning Commission reported on behalf of the Planning Commission. Mr. Schwarz reported the township processed nine variances and eight approved and one tabled. One Minor Subdivision, one Rezone and three Conditional Use Permits.

#### **New Scandia Fire and Rescue/Steve Spence**

Steve Spence, Fire Chief gave the following report: In the year of 2001 the Fire and Rescue Department responded to 177 emergency calls. 118 of these calls were for medical or rescue and 59 were fire or emergency service related. Run volume showed a decrease from a high of 198 calls in 2000.

The department added one member to its roster: Jerome Merrier. They had one member retire: Bruce Swenson with 20 years of service. They currently have 20 members and will be conducting a recruitment drive this spring.

In order to effectively respond to the increasing requirements and demands placed upon a fire and rescue service we have established eight specialty teams. In addition to their normal duties and training requirements each member of the department must join and train on at least one of these items. The teams consist of:

- (1) Ice and Water Rescue, which includes diving
- (2) Auto Extrication
- (3) Pump Operators
- (4) Scene Safety Officers
- (5) Rapid Intervention
- (6) Hazardous Materials
- (7) Ladder and Ventilation
- (8) Confined Space/Low Angle Rescue

These teams are being equipped through donations, grants and proceeds from the Firefighters Ball.

2002 is the 50-year anniversary for the department. In August 1952, 17 volunteers held the first meeting of the New Scandia Fire Department and the department plans to hold a community celebration honoring all those who served over the last 50 years.

**Park and Recreation/Paul Rasmussen**

Paul Rasmussen gave the following report: Scandia/Marine Lions are proposing to construct a picnic shelter approximately 24x 30 feet at the land the township acquired from Washington County by the Hay Lake School Museum. The township may have to assist in some of the funding. The following persons have been appointed to the Park and Recreation Committee: Dana Wojtowicz, Jenny Fredrickson and Deborah Campobasso.

**Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau/Brian Alm**

Brian Alm a member of the Youth Service Bureau's Board of Directors. Mr. Alm thanked New Scandia Township for past support on behalf of the Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau. The goal of the Youth Service Bureau has been to assist in problems affecting youth and their families that could result in youth entering the juvenile justice system.

Mr. Alm expressed <sup>his</sup> thanks to Scandia for making available the Community Center for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Alm introduced two members of the Youth Service Bureau's Youth Advisory Board and they informed the residents about their involvement with the Youth Service Bureau.

**New Business**

Kevin Nickelson questioned Mr. Bruce Swenson if Swenson Recycling would continue. Mr. Swenson stated he would continue if he has the support of the residents.

Michael White questioned if the township would consider a dome or structure over the Skating Facility. Mr. Rasmussen stated the north end of the Skating Facility could be painted white and that may help the ice to last longer into to the skating season. Park and Recreation will review this issue.

**Board of Canvass for Year of 2001**

The Clerk read the Board of Canvass report for the year of 2001. Peter Schwarz made a motion to approve the Board of Canvass Report for the year of 2001. Michael White seconded the motion and motion adopted.

Michael White made a motion to reconvene the Annual Meeting to August 20, 2002.

Dolores Peterson  
  
New Scandia Township Clerk

The following was not included in the Planning Commission report. A•162 Building Permits were issued. Of those permits 30 were new homes for the average of \$198,036.00 per home.