

**Annual Town Meeting**  
**April 10, 2012**

Open To All Groveland Township Residents

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk David J. LaHood at 7:00 P.M. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Mike Turner from the Christ Fellowship Church. Clerk LaHood then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk LaHood then read the legal notice published in the Pekin Times dated 03/23/2012. Clerk LaHood asked for nominations for the meeting moderator. Dave Risinger nominated Dan McCormick, seconded by Stephanie Stecken. All in attendance voted aye and Dan McCormick was elected moderator. Mr. McCormick was then administered the oath of office and was seated as moderator. Mr. McCormick then declined any salary for being moderator. Brian Manuel made motion to use Roberts' Rules of Order for the meeting, seconded by Crystal Shaw. The motion carried by all voting in favor. The minutes of April 12, 2011 were read by Clerk LaHood. Mr. Westbrook made motion to accept said minutes, seconded by John Shallenberger. The motion carried by all voting in favor.

Ross Hovind made motion to set the 2013 Annual Town Meeting as prescribed by law for the second Tuesday in April 2013 at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Stephanie Stecken. The motion carried by all voting in favor.

Mr. McCormick asked the audience to review the Supervisor's and Treasurer's report. Mr. Westbrook made motion to accept both reports, seconded by Jean Ward. The motion carried by all voting in favor. Moderator McCormick spoke briefly on each fund, explaining in detail. On the website, under goals, McCormick spoke on goal #2 increasing fund balances. Mr. McCormick explained to Mr. Hovind about reduction in employees, both in office and in road, to cut costs. Mr. Westbrook thanked board for their stewardship of township.

**Township Discussion**

1.) Mr. McCormick officially announced the Barb Hart Scholarship Program. There will be a \$500 scholarship given annually to 1 male and to 1 female. Mr. McCormick then spoke about Trustee Hart and told the audience a little about her. He stated she was the senior trustee for 11 years.

2.) Mr. McCormick introduced the Groveland and Central Groveland Fire Protection District Boards of Trustees. In attendance from Groveland Fire District were Les Knollenberg and Ross Hovind. Mike O'Brien and Matt McMorrow were introduced from Central Groveland Fire District. Ross Hovind spoke on behalf of both districts. Mr. Hovind stated that better fire service was the goal. Mr. Hovind then explained about mutual aid and automatic aid. Ultimately the Mayor of East Peoria agreed to help and Groveland has accomplished their goal for obtaining fire service help from East Peoria. Their 2<sup>nd</sup> goal will be to obtain ambulance service. The Mayor of East Peoria will call with information. Les Knollenberg spoke on the 1<sup>st</sup> structural fire.

3.) Mr. McCormick introduced Pastor Mike Turner from Christ Fellowship Church. Mr. McCormick stated that Groveland Township supports 2 food pantries, Creve Coeur and Christ Fellowship Church. Pastor Turner spoke on the food pantry at Christ Fellowship Church. Pastor Turner stated that they supply 80 to 100 families with food which include about 200 to 300 people. This takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. Pastor Turner then thanked the township for their support. He stated that their can-a-thon consists of about 1000 lbs. of food. Mr. Hovind asked what the criteria for receiving food were and Pastor Turner stated all that was required was the need for food, nothing else. Pastor Turner stated that food is given to people from East Peoria, Creve Coeur, Pekin, and Morton. Also veterans and people of all ages are given food.

4.) Groveland Township will have a garage sale on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 from 9a.m. until 3 p.m. All money raised will go to the Barb Hart Scholarship Fund. Groveland is very compassionate when it comes to the scholarship fund, the food pantry, and the library.

5.) Dave Risinger spoke on the Recycling program. He stated that the township was awarded a \$3000 grant but it takes about \$8000 to run the program. A two-year agreement was reached but maybe after that the program won't be able to be maintained because of cost. Signs are being made stating that recycling for Groveland residents only.

6.) Office manager Stephanie Stecken spoke about the website. The web address is grovelandtownship.com. There is a goal for 2011-2013 to upgrade the website. Claude Milam suggested that aerial pictures be put on the website. Crystal Shaw suggested that charitable opportunities be put on the website.

7.) Brian Manuel spoke on Groveland Days. Mr. Manuel stated that there needs to be a sense of community in Groveland. He stated that the roadside ditches are full of garbage and a litter day should be designated to clean them up. There are many opportunities available. Cookouts and carnivals were suggested to help out community.

8.) Dave Risinger spoke about items to sell under excess equipment. Mr. Risinger stated that the safe came out of the old library. The crack sealer was too expensive to operate and the weed sprayer was outdated.

Brian Manuel made motion to sell excess road division equipment, seconded by Stephen Stecken. Motion carried by all voting in favor.

Ross Hovind spoke about forming a neighborhood watch.

Mr. Westbrook made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Steger. Motion carried by all voting in favor.

Mr. McCormick thanked all who attended.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively submitted by: David J. LaHood  
Groveland Township Clerk