

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday April 9, 2013 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Pam Christianson at 7:00PM. Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Mike Turner of Christ Fellowship Church. Clerk Christianson then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Christianson read the legal notice published in the Pekin Times dated 3/22/2013. Clerk Christianson then asked for nominations for meeting moderator. Dave Risinger nominated Dan McCormick with a second by Ross Hovind. No other nominations offered. All in attendance voted "Aye" and Dan McCormick was elected as moderator. Mr. McCormick was then administered the oath of office and seated as moderator. Mr. McCormick declined any salary for being moderator.

Scott Ward made a motion to use "Roberts Rules of Order" for the meeting, Joe Hranka seconded. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Minute of the April 12, 2012 presented. Brian Manuel made a motion to Approve and John Shallenberger seconded. Motion carried by all voting in favor.

Motion to set the next "Annual Town Meeting" in 2014 for 2nd Tuesday in April at 7:00PM made by John Shallenberger and seconded by Mike O'Brien. Motion carried by all voting in favor.

- 1.) Supervisor McCormick offers Financial Report using a slide show presentation on the overhead projector and screen.

Mr. McCormick comments that the biggest job of the Township Supervisor is looking at the monies that are levied to insure that we do not overburden the taxpayer. The goal is for all funds by April 1st have at least six months reserve in the event taxes are not collected due to some catastrophic event. Moderator McCormick spoke briefly on each fund, explaining each in detail; Town Fund, General Assistance, Road and Bridge, Permanent/Special Road, Audit, Insurance, IMRF, and Social Security. Finally, Moderator

McCormick commented that at this point the state of the Township Finances is in the best shape since he took office as Supervisor.

2.) Fire Trustees offer Annual Report.

Moderator McCormick introduced the Groveland and Central Groveland Fire Protection Board of Trustee's. All members were in attendance. Terry Cunefare reports that they have had about 20 calls this past year but that the majority of those, about 15, have been ambulance calls and one for a grass fire. Last year's goal to obtain ambulance service is still in process. They are trying to get a station for Ambulance and noted that station #4 is not a manned operation.

3.) Pioneer Committee Report.

It was noted that the Pioneer Committee exists due to the efforts of Brian Manuel and his commitment to bringing the residents of Groveland together in a more active and meaningful way. The township board appointed a committee to look into ways this committee could accomplish this goal. Once established in November 2012 the Pioneer Committee will operate as a non-profit entity with the purpose assisting local charitable causes from proceeds earned from planned events. These could include the Library, Food Banks, and the Barb Hart Scholarship to name a few. The ultimate goal will be to become self-funding after receiving initial startup funds from the Township.

Shelly Hranka discussed planned activities and goals for the future. The committee is confident that the \$2000.00 seed money from the township will be fully reimbursed through proceeds from upcoming May 2013 activities. Last year the garage sale alone netted \$1300 plus, and the expectation this year is to exceed that amount. Garage Sale this year is planned for May 3rd & 4th at the Heartland Community Church 18603 Springfield Rd. Donations are already coming in but April 29 - May 2 donations can be dropped off at the church from 1:00-5:00PM or by calling Woody at 208-7987 to pick up your items during the week prior to the sale.

The next item is the Carnival planned for May 30th & 31st 3:00 – 10:00PM, and June 1st 12:00 – 10:00PM 2013 in the Heartland

Community Church parking lot adjacent to the Township Hall Bldg. There is no upfront cost for the carnival; we make our profit by sharing a percentage of ticket sales, food and games. There will also be a craft fair with proceeds from the sale of booth space.

Also in the plans is a Local Auto Cruise In on May 31st from 4:00-8:00PM and the Rusty Rockers Auto Cruise In on Saturday June 1st from 11:00AM – 3:00PM. Also in the plans is the Groveland Pioneer of the Year Contest from 2:00-5:00PM. This will be a “FUN FUN FUN” talent contest for our Groveland kids.

Plans are in place for parking, pedestrian signs, trash, and lighting. There will also be signs at each end of town and a manned temporary crosswalk to insure safety for all attendants. No alcohol will be sold or served at any event.

Proceeds from these events will benefit a number of local non-profit charities.

4.) Hart Scholarship Information Presented.

The Groveland Township Board has elected to award two (2) \$500 scholarships to one (1) girl and one (1) boy for the 2013-2014 college school year. This will be the second year for Scholarship Awards. New Guidelines were developed this year for qualifications; *Entrants must be a High School Senior or College student enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 hours) for the 2013-2014 school year.

*Entrants must submit a Scholarship application that includes an Essay of interest or need (minimum 250 words) by Friday June 14, 2013.

*Selection of Scholarship recipients will be made by a 3 person screening committee appointed by the Township Board.

Joe Hranka asked how the Scholarship being published.

Moderator McCormick says the applications can be downloaded from the Township

Website or can be picked up at the Township office during business hours. All the schools have been sent information and a notice has been published in the newspaper.

5.) Permission to sell excess equipment.

a.) Toshiba 2570 copy machine – 10yrs. Old.

Ricoh 2500 copy machine – 5yrs. Old.

b.) Denco Weed Sprayer – 21 feet wide with 150 gallon