

Minutes
Helga Township
March, 8th, 2022 Annual Meeting

Residents, please sign in. State your name when making a statement or motioning seconding a motion so that it will be recorded correctly.

Meeting called to order 7PM

Pledge of allegiance

Moderator – The clerk shall call for nominations. Donald Clay motions for Mike Kavarkko to be the moderator. Seconded by Becky Reinarz.

2021 Annual meeting minutes. Review and approve 2021 annual meeting minutes. Minutes read aloud by Aric Porter. Jeanie Porter motions to approve last years minutes. Harrison Hicks seconds. Minutes approved.

Set Date for 2023 annual Meeting- Donald Clay motions for March 14th 2023. Harrison Hicks seconds. Meeting set for March 14th 2023 approved unanimous consent.

Financial Statements – Treasurers report, copies of year end financials review. Presented by Alicia Christophersen. Kip Reinarz motions to approve Mike Kavarkko seconds. Treasurers report approved unanimous consent.

Meetings / Postings

Donald Clay motions to have all monthly meetings except for December to be held the 4th Tuesday of every month. Seconded by Harrison Hicks. Meeting dates approved.

Mike Kavarkko motions for Postings to remain the same. Bemidji Pioneer, Helgatownship.com, and the posting board in front of the hall. Seconded by Harrison Hicks.

Land Use – Land use ordinance shall remain the same. We will be adopting a road policy this year.

Road Report -Presented by Donald Clay. 500th St E of 36 needs new dead end sign. Tranquility needs a new dead end sign. Deek Shuemer questions why there wasn't more done for the gravel roads. This year we will blade more often. Last year with the drought we weren't able to blade as often with the lack of moisture. Harrison Hicks motions to approve, Sarah Karvakko seconds. Road report approved.

Local Board of Equalization- Tuesday May 3rd @ 9am. Location the Hubbard County Assessors office. Government center 2nd floor.

Budget and Levy – Proposed Levy for 2023

General Fund \$93,500 Road and Bridge \$143,000

Fire Fund \$72,000 Cemetery Fund \$4000

Town Hall Fund \$50,000 Park Fund \$10,000

Total Budget \$372,500.00

Harrison Hicks motions to approve, Donald Clay seconds. Budget approved unanimous consent.

Donations Requests – Vote to approve or deny.

Lets go Fishing, support within reach, North Country First responders, Hubbard County Historical Museum, Hubbard County Food Shelf, Kinship of the Park Rapids area, Park Rapids area library, Hubbard in Prevention Coalition.

Al Killian Lets go fishing. Bringing local seniors and youth fishing in the area. 2021 190 people were taken fishing that normally wouldn't have had a chance. Hoping for more this year with a higher water level. No charge for those going fishing. \$750.00 awarded.

North Country first responders – local first responders awarded \$500.00

Hubbard county Historical museum

Hubbard county food shelf

Kinship of the Park Rapids area

Park Rapids area library board

Hubbard and prevention coalition – Drug prevention for youth.

Kip Reinartz motions for \$750.00 to lets go fishing and \$500.00 for North Country first responders. Dale Bergland seconds. Motion approved unanimous consent.

Kingdom Builders School Presentation – John Ness Renting Nary School for 4-8 grade private school. John Ness teacher at JW Smith, former principal of Heartland Christian Academy. Looking to use the Nary School for a 4th-8th grade private school. Non profit, Curriculum is planned. Tonny Mershman, Sarah Hlocoff, Brian Leeks, Travis Geiga, Paul Roads, Sarah Karvakko, Mark Yolkom, Jason Christianson, Amber Belenum, Carry Web, are on the board. They have 250 prospective students ready to go. Want to be available for the local home schoolers. Will use the School building during the day, and be available for the community in the evenings. Service based curriculum teaching practical life lessons that students can use through their life. Community based projects. Requesting use of the property from 7:30 – 3:30 Monday through Friday. Willing to work with the township and be obliging for community use.

Need to have the fire marshal go through and have insurance needs to be looked into. For the first year looking for \$1000 - \$1500 price range for rent. Sy Hooker asks about code compliance for the school. Last year we had the fire marshal go through and had structural inspection with the window grant project. We will need to update but should be good.

Asking about the curriculum being Christian based will it be non-denominational? Yes it will be Christian based and yes it will be on-denominational with a variety of local churches involved. Kip Reinartz asked about future expansion. Right now they expecting expansion but it wont be this year but future timeline to let them know.

Kingdom Builders is asking for a answer as soon as possible. Kip we will need to have a contract. April through October is our current timeline for Ceiling renovation. Kingdom Builders is willing to work with us to move around the areas being worked on. The school can use the park as long as the students are supervised during school hours. The Park is open to the public 24/7. Joanna Hammerstrom, we need to continue the conversations on this and get a contract. Harrison Hicks, Do you have a list of questions? Clint Mueller wants both party's to have a timeline before we agree to move forward. We will want a contract for the next meeting in March. Then we can address it go over the contract make any changes we need to and readdress it in April. Sy Hooker, Has been a resident since 1977 is seems that on the hall there is a desire form the community to see the school used again. With the Historical aspect we have to be careful what is changed. But the community has to be involved and will be glad to help. Sarah Karvakko, first official board meeting last week is impressed with the variety of talent that has come together to fill the board and the excitement behind it. With the current restrictions on public schools there is a demand for other options. Sarah Karvakko will work with the board for public outreach and write a letter to the residents. Straw Pole was unanimous in favor. Tony Mershman requests that we put together a list of concerns that the township has. The Board agrees. We will put together a average cost of Heat, Electricity, and security.

Clint Boyer motions to adjourn, Mike Kravakko seconds. Meeting adjourned.