

**LUTSEN TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2024
Lutsen Town Hall**

Present: Sharon Hexum-Platzer, Carl Friesner, Rae Piepho, Steve Duclos, Ashley VanDoren(virtual), Lollie Cooper, Samantha Mcquatters-Spangle, Ginny Storlie, Philip Creighton, Judy Sillman, Brad Sillman, Harold Piepho, Stacy Paolo, Tim Lien

Call Meeting to Order: 2024 Annual Town Meeting called to order by Clerk S. Mcquatters-Spangle at 8:05 pm.

Nomination from the Floor for Meeting Moderator: S. Mcquatters-Spangle opened the floor to nominations for meeting moderator. Sharon Hexum-Platzer was nominated by L Cooper. Judy Sillman seconded. All voted in favor raised their hands or indicated via digital signal for the selection, no objections. Sharon Hexum-Platzer was accepted as the nomination and assumed the position of meeting moderator.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Flag was presented, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and setting of Agenda: Moderator Hexum-Platzer address the room and asked if there were any comments or question in regards to the agenda or if someone would make a motion to accept. Carl Friesner made a motion to accept the agenda. Lolli Cooper seconded, no objections; motion carried.

Reading and Approval of the 2023 Annual Meeting and Continuation of Annual Meeting Minutes: 3 grammatical errors were found and presented to the clerk for correction. Moderator Hexum-Platzer questioned if any other items needed to be amended or if someone could make a motion to accept. Brad Stillman made a motion to accept the agenda. Steve Duclos seconded, no objections; motion passed.

Access to Review of 2023 Board of Audit Meeting Minutes and Review of 2023 Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting Minutes. Moderator Hexum-Platzer requested to dismiss the approval as the board of audit had not been approved by township board yet and once approved it will be available for review though the township website.

Motion to authorize board actions MN Statute 365.10: Donation Requests: Moderator Hexum-Platzer asked the board if there were any comments or questions regarding donation requests for 2025. Harold Piepho questioned how many Lutsen Junior Alpine Ski Team participants were from Lutsen itself and commented how good the team seemed to be doing with updates he had seen from the paper. Steve Duclos commented about 15 kids were participants and many from the Lutsen area itself. Rae Piepho suggested better publication of the Lutsen Fall. Moderator Hexum-Platzer suggested let it be known a motion will be needed to authorize the amounts. Harold Piepho made a motion to authorize the requested amounts. Steve Duclos seconded; The motion carried.

1. Lutsen Junior Alpine Ski Team for 2023 - \$ 1750
2. Tofte Township for July 4, 2023 Fireworks Display - \$1500
3. Funding to support Lutsen Community Fall Celebration - \$ 500

Commissioner's Report (Ginny Storlie): Ginny Storlie address the room and introduced herself; currently in the 3rd term of County Commissioner. Congratulated Philip Creighton on becoming deputy treasurer and gave a big thank you to the firefighters of Lutsen Township and all helping communities for their hard work and dedication over the last few months on the putting out and helping to contain the large fires that have happened recently.

- Progress in receiving grant and funding support for Lutsen Township in acquiring a generator to create a short-term emergency shelter. Commissioner Storlie and Supervisor Lolli Cooper have appealed to the Cook County commissioners board requesting funds and spent many months working and communicating with Mr. Keyport to acquire the estimated amount for a propane generator and installation. Brad Sillman questioned if it was a generic automatic failover generator connected to propane? Commissioner Storlie verified it in fact was.
- Cardboard trailers currently located at the bottom of the Caribou trail seems to be working in terms of location and Commissioner Storlie often give planning and zoning notice to empty as it is used so often and asked the room if everyone currently in attendance were alright with the current location. Stacy Paolo questioned why the cardboard truck was moved form its previous position at the bottom of Ski Hill Rd. Commissioner Storlie replied that the last was bought by DNR and is currently subleasing the land to the construction company working on the Gitch Gami bike trail and asked to have the cardboard trailer removed for liability purposes while the land is currently being used for construction.
- Commissioner Storlie congratulated Lutsen Township on setting up zoom and a conference set up; currently the last township to set up a monthly virtual attendance option. Zooming in to meeting as opposed to physically attending is a great alternative if weather is bad or someone is ill.

- North Shore Scenic Drive Council goal is to create ideas about how to improve the north shore roads, wayside rests and review reports from MNDOT's full report in regards to northern Minnesota. Currently road improvement agenda starting in 2027 will include redoing the road from Tofte, MN to the Lutsen county line. Unsure if that means overlay or new road entirely.
- A group of Commissioners recently visited with Senator Hauschild and representative Skraba to and presented them with a folder containing the main talking points and concerns such as social justice center, bonding for other projects and public health which they could review in detail at their leisure. Both will visit Cook County for discussions later on Thursday March 14, 2024
- New cannabis regulation committee will be formed in the next few weeks consisting of commissioner Mills, commissioner Storlie, some law enforcement representatives, public health representatives and school district representatives to review how cannabis will be handled and accounted for. State currently only has a temporary person leading the charge therefore local communities don't have a lot of guidance. This newly forming Cook County cannabis committee intend to meet regularly to create a clear understanding and express concerns about what is going to happen in the county; this is separate from the city as the city will have their own guidelines for cannabis.
- Cook County commissioners received bonding for general obligation for some improvements for courthouse needs including upgrading heating, lighting and air handling systems. Law enforcement needs security and detections systems. Public highway and public works need electrical and plumbing replacement, cold storage, electrical. Community also needs some improvements done such as replacing the roof. The group currently working with Cook County commissioners in receiving the bonding is ELSERS over the last few years, they take requests and for bonding they throw it out to companies who would want to support us. Usually, they get back about two or three investments companies that are looking at us (this time they had 8 companies interested) and because we are a double bonded group, they were impressed with being a small county and how well we take care of our capital funding and general funding. Cook County commissioners selected a CD company from New Jersey with the best bid with a projected return of \$2,775,000 to start work on the reviewed buildings and improvements.
- County assessor Bob put together a small brochure about property tax and a timeline, (brochure available in Lutsen township office) Property tax information will be mailed out between March and April of this year for residents. The provided brochures contains some interesting little facts about property tax; "There are 1,981 homestead properties in Cook County", "roughly 8 percent of taxable real estate value is of commercial, industrial or reserve use.
- Brad Stillman asked if Senator Hauschild is working on ambulance services and discussion with the state? Commissioner Storlie verified that Senator Hauschild is on top of ambulance availability and with the recent disruptions in Kewanee it has become more of a priority. Kewanee was not getting reimbursed for their calls and that was a headline that really brought to light everyone having to review their own ambulance and emergency services. Brad Stillman commented on remember representative Skraba talking about ambulance service last year

Proposed increase in fire fighter compensation (fire chief): Moderator Hexum-Platzer requested Fire chief Steve Duclos and assistant fire chief Tim Lien to move to the front of the room and present the proposal for increase in fire fighter compensation. Moderator Hexum-Platzer as introduced a proposed deputy treasurer Philip Creighton currently assisting currently treasurer Ashely VanDoren. Steve Duclos introduced himself as the Lutsen township fire chief taking on the role about two weeks prior to the Lutsen Resort fire. Duclos explained that fire fighters have had a significant increase in what is required of them both administratively and training. Having recently merged both Lutsen fire and Lutsen EMS. Going from 2 chiefs to 1 chief and 2 assistants, was is being proposed for an increase in incentive for volunteer fire fighters is during a much larger than normal fire such as the Papa Charlies restaurant and Lutsen Report fire that both took 14/15 hours plus additional hours of returning and monitoring days after each fire; filing trash bumps, making sure sprinklers are working and such. EMS has also been experiencing longer than normal calls lately. "We are volunteers and we understand that but we also have the same bills as everybody else has. Some folks get paid when they leave for a call and some don't get paid, some families loose two incomes for the day. We are proposing an increase in pay. When we had two chiefs each got \$175 incentive per month and assistant chiefs got \$125 per month and each captain got \$25 per month. What we are asking for is the increase the pay, for the one chief to receive \$200 which is a \$25 increase per month. Brad Sillman asked if the payments were made quarterly before this request? Fire chief Duclos said no, previously it was on a per month basis; in the last couple years Lutsen started paying their captains because they do all of our trainings. They have a lot put on their shoulders training and that is really important for Lutsen fire and they take it to heart. Duclos "we propose that we up the pay, we have a senior captain and a junior captain. The senior captain is Henry Walch and he has been the captain for a number of years. So, we want to up the senior captain to \$75 a month and junior captain to \$50 a month. In addition, with the merger of our departments we also want to pay our secretaries because we're asking a lot of them. They take all of our notes and input everything into the computer for us. Our thought process for this was to use the extra \$175 that was previously getting paid to the other chief before being combines would be split up to cover the other roles maintaining the monthly stipend amount."

Duclos continues "We want to keep our call pay at \$25 per call and it's been that way forever and a day but with the addition that any calls we go to over two hours be given an additional monetary amount whether it be an hourly or a stipend; however that needs to worked out. Right now we are proposing an additional \$25 an hour for each additional hour after two hours." Brad Sillman questioned how many called average over that two-hour period. Duclos verified there aren't many calls like that, maybe two or three a year. Brad Sillman asked if that exist before this, or is this new? Duclos responded that this part is new, the proposed anything over two hours, before it was just \$25 per call. Lolli Cooper commented looking at the proposal sheet that fire calls only paid \$25 per call period. For all 15 hours. Duclos responded, yes. Sharon Hexum-Platzer commented, for Papa Charlie's fire that was about 14 hours. Duclos responded, \$25 yes. "And then you get members and spouses that have to take the day off the take care of whatever is not being done by the fire crew. We are asking for this; times have changed for everybody and cost has gone up." Harold Piepho questioned if there was any financial responsibility for residential, business or industrial? Any responsibility by any of those amenities for fire coming out? Duclos responded; If I understand your question

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what we have started doing in the last 6 months we started billing for fire and there is a cap on that. For example, heaven forbid is Tim's house caught fire Lutsen fire would put it out and then bill Tim's insurance \$500. And that always goes to the township. Harold Piepho asked what happens if other fire departments area part of the call like the other departments called to the Lutsen Resort fire? Duclos responded that for the Lutsen Resort fire we billed the insurance company \$500 for each fire department that assisted in the call. If and when a check comes those funds are then dispersed each accompanying department in the form of a check. This is something new and drives down cost a little bit but \$500 is a drop in the bucket for what we have. Harold Piepho asked how fire inspections get handled? Duclos responded fire inspections get done through the state and fire marshals. What Lutsen fire does is pre-plan commercial buildings and that's a courtesy, fire crew visit companies like Cascade, Ski Hill, County Plumbing, Clearview; we go to all of those and look for dangers for fire crew and if there were people in there what would be the best and most efficient way to get everyone out? It is not an inspection by any means, just something that we do to try and make everyone's life a little easier. Harold Piepho asked if there were similar charges for EMS, if somebody needs assistance like they broke their leg at the ski hill for example? Duclos responded; the way it sits right now if we get called to anywhere is it \$25, they get the same compensation that fire gets. It is one department and we are trying to streamline everything but now if they have to hike six hours back of Oberg to find someone then there is where the pay would come in after two hours. Harold Piepho asked, this individual who's getting rescued would they be responsible for anything? Duclos replied; we don't bill for EMS, no. Brad Sillman questioned, there is a search and rescue right across from the hospital in Grand Marais, are you a part of that? Duclos replied, we do get paged with them but often times we could be waiting one to two hours plus waiting for enough people to come. We have a handful of members that are a part of the ropes team which is through search and rescue and they have stuff stored at the Lutsen fire hall because of that. Judy Sillman asked, how do the proposed rates compare to other fire departments? Duclos responded; way back when I started in Schroeder in the early 2000's and at the time you got an hourly rate, no set rates. So, if you needed to be at the resort fire for fifteen hours, you got paid for fifteen hours. Judy Sillman asked if this proposal matched up with the line item \$141,500 on the township budget that was previously \$65,500, is that the budget? Duclos replied, this proposal is new as of two weeks about and the preliminary budget was created at the budget meeting in January. What we are asking if the monthly stuff; a little increase with paying the secretary but their jobs duties have increased as well. Lolli Copper questioned if there was one secretary or two? Duclos responded, there are two secretaries. One for fire fighters and one for EMS.

Moderator Hexum-Platzer reviewing the proposal seeing an overall increase of \$75 just for monthly pay; and then the greater the two hours probably happening under 5 calls per year per fire fighter attending call. Judy Sillman asked how many firefighters crew on the department are volunteers or do they all get paid? Duclos responded; right now, all volunteers get that stipend of \$25 per call. Moderator Hexum-Platzer commented that as of right now there are 16 volunteer fire fighters including chiefs and captains.

Moderator Hexum-Platzer asked if fire chief Duclos would like to go over the additional items needs for the fire crew like PPE and air packs? Duclos; As of February 2024, we have nine sets of turnout gear expire for OSHA. We have just ordered new ones as the tune of \$6,200 each from the ground including boots, pants, coats, helmets, everything that we have to have. We are a volunteer bit I think we out area is unique with the number of tourists that we have and the large buildings that we have had and will continue to have. I think up to date gear is important to have especially because we have always been traditionally offensive when we can be. If we can get in there and save a building we will. Replacing items has been out big push for this year. I think next year we have one more set to expire and then one or two the year after. The sets that we just purchased just replaced the ones we all got ten years ago. Brad Sillman asked if a consistent budget can be created so that it doesn't just pop out of the blue when they expire? Maybe put it in the budget as a line item for a constant rule. Moderator Hexum-Platzer let the room know this was a topic at the last town meeting and if open to public if anyone is interested in attending. Duclos; I have created an expiration chart for the future and one of the jobs of the secretary now.

Duclos; Fire air packs we got about five or six years ago from Drager we have zero confidence in, you can go in our fire hall now and there is a table full of broken ones. We are looking at new air packs and they are to the tune of \$10,000 each and I'm going to share right now; Thank you Sharon Hexum-Platzer for writing our grant for new air packs! Judy Sillman questioned; are air packs for when there is a lot of smoke? Duclos; Yes, we use air packs if there is smoke in a building or even if there is a car fire we have air packs on. The morning after Lutsen Resort burnt down you'd still want to wear something because it is still off gassing. This day and age your almost 35% more likely to get cancer as a fireman. The carcinogens and all that stuff in any building especially new buildings are dangerous. Brad Stillman commented; even electric car parts. Duclos; Lutsen fire has been looking at ways to fight car fires; one way we were looking at was purchasing a blanket to pull over the car and smothering the fire and just spray the blanket. With the combines turnouts gear and air packs the Lutsen fire should be covered for large supplies needed this year. The turnout gear will be here in five months or so. Brad Sillman commented; these are hard discussions for me; the purpose of the government is the protect us, right? Moderator Hexum-Platzer commented; the qualifying people to read the grant was the logistic agency. They approve all the material for the military and when they say that the total package for the air packs were all ten for \$113,551. Logistics was to know if the population of the town can cover 5% of that? However, this grant for air packs is not heard about until September, Moderator Hexum-Platzer recommended to the room to keep this grant in the back of everyone's mind because in august if we don't hear back from the grant, we will need to start planning in advance for how to pay for the ten air packs. Brad Sillman made a motion to support, Stacy Paolo seconded. Motion passed.

Review of Audit Report for 2023. These data were posted and shared in hard copy as required. With documents shown, no oral reading of the data was done. Audit summary data for fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 reviewed and approved by Supervisors: Beginning Balance: \$678,703.05, Total Receipts: \$259,199.00, Total Disbursements: \$257340.63, Ending Balance: \$680,561.42 with \$3,435.83 in outstanding uncashed checks. [Note: The Disbursements and Receipts included moving funds from checking to Truck Fund and separating the Truck Fund from Operating Money Market Fund thus duplicating some monies] The foregoing summary of receipts and disbursements, as well as the itemized statement of the Receipts Register, Cash Control Statement, Statement of Indebtedness, and the

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itemized statement of the Disbursements Register inclusive; have been examined and audited by supervisors and were approved the 31st day of January, 2024. All claims and receipts are located in the town office and available for review.

Proposed 2023 Township Budget Treasurer VanDoren first presented and explained that the Proposed Town Budget planned on January 31, 2024 with the township supervisors, the Fire/EMS chiefs. Using the budget handout, she explained the General Town Budget includes township expenses and the Fire District Budget includes items that impact the entire fire district as well as Fire and EMS departments which are under one budget. She noted a specific change for 2025 budget; for general budget there is an increase in payroll due to additional specific projects for the township itself that includes the supervisors, clerk and treasurer. There is an increase for the ball field and a new budget item was added for professional services to maintain upkeep of the ball field; this is an expense that has come up previously throughout the years and we decided would be important to have its own budget item line. Other items that periodically come up through the years that we have decided to give their own budget line item to are sewer services, building maintenance to maintain new shed and outhouse. The other three big capital items that have affected the budget; \$75,000 has been used a place holder for new park equipment for the townhall location, upgrade where the slide and swings are currently. Fire district on second page of budget; payroll got bumped up for the clerk and treasurer and town board is split 50/50 between the two budgets. Building maintenance is up \$20,000 from 2024; up \$42,000 from 2023; there was discussion about renovating the kitchen to create a more commercial space for the community to use like the community center in Grand Marais. Maintenance for the parking lot was added for resealing for \$10,000; this is something we have done a few years ago and noticing as a reoccurring expense. For Fire/EMS expense the biggest items increase was \$40,000 for capital items; as you heard from our Fire/EMS chief there are some big and expense items coming needed like air packs and turnout gear. We used \$40,000 as a placeholder with the understanding that we would be exploring grant options and that somethings would need to be replaced before 2025. Professional services are also up in Fire/EMS \$3000 as a new budget item for the FIT test that is an annual expense for firefighters. Treasurer VanDoren addressed the room and asked if there were any questions?

Brad Sillman questioned the \$3,500 insurance item line budgeted for when the actual previous expense can in at \$4,687, a significance variance. Treasurer VanDoren; the intent is to split the insurance in thirds between general, fire administration and Fire/EMS and that was not done in 2023. Other section of insurance that came in under budget and all three added together evens itself out, it was more of a coding error. Judy Sillman asked; on the new proposed budget is the \$36,000 reflective of the changes? Treasurer VanDoren; it is not reflective of the changes; I will have to touch base with everyone before the continuation of the annual meeting to get a better grasp on exactly what that figure might look like on the increase. What is presents was just some rough math, currently I don't have a great sense of what that would look like at this point. Judy Sillman; can you go back to the maintenance building expenses of \$45,000; does that include the kitchen upgrades; probably still to be discussed and just the proposed? Treasurer VanDoren; Yes, that is for the kitchen upgrades. We wanted to have that item available to open up for discussion at this meeting. Judy Sillman asked how many requests for commercial kitchen use have been requested and how serious have they been? Clerk Mcquatters-Spangle; over the last six to nine months four people have requested use but needed a commercial kitchen for daily rentals. One has returned many times and repeatedly asked if any upgrades would be happening, the other three have only asked once or twice but all four have been local and looking to rent a similar area as the Grand Marais community center kitchen. Brad Sillman; some sort of plan and specific proposal would be brought forward to be invested into a kitchen because making a commercial commitment I feel \$45,00 isn't even close. To get appropriate stoves and grill you are looking at a couple \$100,000. Carl Friesner; We have roughly researched prices, Chris Homyak who is on the board as we as a former chef was pretty knowledgeable for what we would need for a bare minimum commercial kitchen. This was kind of a rough ballpark idea. Harold Piepho; I have a question, if you look over the past three to four years the amount that was approved overall the amount that was budget versus the actual expenditures, the amount budgeted is what the taxes were based on for out township. That money came into the township did it not? What happened to the balance of that money when the actual that was spent was across the board less? Treasurer VanDoren; We currently have been trying to utilize having excess funds as you are seeing that there are some years where was spent is under budget. We have been using been using that to keep the levy lower as much as we can. In the past what they used to levy for was the total budget, if the budget was \$150,000, we levied for \$150,000, the last few years if the budget was \$150,000 levy for \$130,000 so that we can use some of the funds that have accrued in a way that is beneficial to the taxpayers. We do have as of December 2023 out total funds were \$683,997.26, some of the funding sitting there included the truck fund savings account for fire department, includes a building fund savings account and then out operating fund. Operating funds main objective as talked about in the past is keeping about a years' worth of a safety net and based on our past five years amounts to \$290,000. We would be sitting at \$139,000 in the bank account right now that would be able to be applied to some of these additional expenses. Brad Sillman asked about the green lined levy sheets? Treasurer VanDoren; the levy worksheet we have been using to account for what I was talking about with adjusting the levy based on out account balances. We try to use past data to predicts what we might bring in for income and adjust the levy accordingly. For 2025 I filled in for out past averages and some safe estimates of what we might bring in bases on state grant and aids, hall rentals and such. If nothing changes on the budget sheet, those town expenses have been put in there and under each section you will see the surplus or deficient is we levied for zero dollars. That is what we will focus on in august is filling in those property tax levies, this is just preemptive so we can see what kind of surplus or deficient we would be operating under and set the levy at for the taxpayers. Brad Sillman; that is why we are seeing such big numbers there because we haven't factored in the levy yet. Judy Sillman; looking at the proposed budget it is looking like 2025 is over 55% over the approved budget of 2024. That's a rather large number; I don't think anyone would dispute anything that the Fire and EMS needs and some great improvements but don't know that we can afford them all. Like the kitchen the potential income versus the expense would be expected to be incurred for many years. I have used the equipment here before with kids and family, the plans for upgrade are greats but things like resealing the drive you have to do, maintain property you have to do but can we really afford extra upgrades like the kitchen? Treasurer VanDoren; I think that is one of the reasons why we are putting it on the budget is so that at an open forum like this we can discuss it. The supervisors can get feedback, as a township what we think would be priorities in order to make those changes. Judy Sillman; just like budgeting at home you have to ask yourself, I want a four-wheeler but I

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can't afford it, I have to wait a few years but I think it is important to bring up and have the discussion. Do we want to go commercial? We have to become stewards to bringing in those discussions going forwards. Carl Friesner; speaking as a supervisor and speaking on the capital item ideas, we wanted to get these ideas moving and really appreciate the feedback. We love to see everybody and anybody at every meeting and chime in more and give comments. We always want to keep the taxes and levies down, sometimes it's nice to do that but it is also necessary at time to buy PPE and air packs. The kitchen idea was brought about by a few of the supervisors that though it would be a good item. The playground was brought about because of some possible matching grants available. The \$75,000 as a placeholder is a huge sum and no one wants to pay that much but it it's a matching portion of that or starting a fundraiser then it's a though or idea worth discussing.

Judy Sillman suggested maybe reserving the October Fall Celebration ticket money for township projects and keeping it local. Carl Friesner; it is a large increase and this is the first meeting we can discuss it. Over the next couple months and in August we can solidify what we want to do. Moderator Hexum-Platzer; following what Carl said the budget meeting is an open meeting for all towns people to attend and bring forth ideas. We are encouraging everyone to attend budget meeting, special meeting, regular meeting and annual meetings. Judy Sillman; I found out about the meeting form the Cook County News Harold; whatever means we have get the word out. We appreciate the knowing that we can come to the august meeting as well and bring up new topics. Moderator Hexum-Platzer; this is the preliminary setting of the 2025 Lutsen town budget, this will also be available for everyone to view on at the township site Lutsentownship.com. Minutes and agenda out on the site as well as the budget and other relevant township information. Please share the budget with friends and family that aren't here tonight and discuss, come to meetings. We would all love to hear for the community and have some feedback.

Current 2025 budget plan: General Budget-Township is \$115,850.00, Fire District Budget, \$77,550.00, Fire/EMS Budget is \$281,945.00. Combined 2025 budget of \$397,795.00.

Preliminary setting of 2025 Levy: Total proposed tax levy/budget [including recommended donations, and other yearly payments] is to be determined at Annual meeting continuation in August 20, 2024. This budget can be reviewed after 6 months finances are checked and accepted/changed at a Continuation meeting in August. A complete copy of the 2025 budget plan is available in the Town office and online.

Annual Town Election Results: From Head election judge Sharon Hexum-Platzer, who gave tentative election results; For 3-year supervisor position with incumbent Carl Friesner receiving 25 votes. Stacy Paolo receiving 19 votes. For the 2-year Clerk position, Samantha Mcquatters-Spangle received 38; 3 write ins; 2 votes for Sharon Hexum-Platzer, 1 vote for Lynn Rose, 1 vote for Emily Hauser, 1 vote for Stacy Paolo and 1 blank vote for clerk. **44 votes total.**

Other Business/Citizen Comments: Moderator Hexum-Platzer address the room and asked for any additional questions or comments, currently two of the three supervisors are in attendance; the third supervisor by the way is unable to attend this meeting because he is taking fire class 2 this evening. Rae Piepho; thank you supervisors for the Fall Celebration and all the wonderful prizes but if I may suggest rather than selling tickets, everybody signs and gets their name in a bucket and everyone get one opportunity for a prize. If we wanted to support local food shelves like last year, we can just encourage people to bring a non-perishable food item and we would not be having some people get multiple prizes because they bought all the ticket, keeping it very fair and giving everyone one opportunity. Harold Piepho; I had another though and let them buy as many tickets as they want but if their name gets drawn then that's it, no other prizes. Carl Friesner; we were just aspiring to raise money for the food shelf and that's all it was this last fall but I like your idea of non-perishable food items.

Set next Annual Meeting Date: Judy Sillman made a motion to set the next Annual Meeting location to be Lutsen Town Hall on March 11, 2025 at 8:05pm, Carl Friesner seconded, none were opposed. Motion carried.

Rae Piepho made a motion to Continue Annual Meeting to Finalize 2023 Tax Levy August 20, 2024 at 6 p.m. Lolli Copper seconded. Motion carried.

Note: Minutes are not word-for-word. Motions are as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Mcquatters-Spangle
Lutsen Town Clerk

Sharon Hexum-Platzer _____
Meeting Moderator