

## Minutes of Field Township's 2023 Annual Meeting Page 1

The meeting was held on March 14, 2023, at the Field Town Hall. Clerk Pat Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m., following the Board of Canvass. There were 9 township residents present. The meeting began with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited. The clerk called for nominations from the floor for moderator. Tammy Palmer nominated Peggy Pearson. Peggy Pearson was elected moderator.

The clerk showed township residents a copy of the Notice of Annual Election and Annual Meeting in the Cook News Herald dated February 23, 2023 and the Timberjay March 3, 2023. The minutes of the March 8, 2022, annual meeting were read by those present. Moderator Pearson asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. Joel Knutson made a motion, seconded by Tom Chapman motion carried.

Treasurer's report (CTAS Schedule 1) for fiscal year 2022 was given by Treasurer Ellie Brunner:  
Beginning Balance: \$162,083.94  
Receipts: \$108,360.21  
Disbursements: \$51,045.49  
Ending Balance: \$182,883.76

Moderator Pearson asked if there was a motion to approve the report. Tom Chapman made a motion, seconded by Joel Knutson, motion carried.

### **Business:**

Broadband – Deputy Clerk Tim Chapman read a report from Elizabeth Chapman. Paul Bunyan has applied for the Minnesota Low-density Pilot Broadband Development Grant for Angora and Balkan townships. Field Township has approached Paul Bunyan and they are interested. We are communicating with them about possible options.

City of Cook Library – Deputy Clerk Chapman read a letter from Crystal Whitney Library Director –

A donation from the township allows the library to continue to provide this vital resource to the community.

St. Louis County Fair Assoc. – Peggy Pearson reported the money that Field Township donates is used for 4H and youth development purposes. The 2023 fair dates are August 2-6.

North Soil and Water Conservation District -Peggy Pearson reported trees are currently being sold on line. The trees are all for the local area.. The organization also offers conservation assistance, forest

planning and aquatic invasive species inspection. Check the website for more information [nslswcd.org](http://nslswcd.org)

Friends of the Parks - Tammy Palmer presented a report stating Friends of the Parks is a 501C non-profit organization which began in Cook in 2010 and has 8 active members, two of which reside

in Field Township. The group has helped construct and support the Cook Community Center, has provided play ground equipment and is constructing the new Veterans Riverfront Park. The new park will have a grand opening in June.

### **Committee Reports:**

Ambulance – Tom Chapman attended the ambulance meeting January 9, 2023. Field had 18 runs in 2022, total number of runs 281. The 2022 Ambulance Contribution was \$5,855.00. Cook, Orr and

Tower received Certification from the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

Fire – Tom Chapman attended the fire meeting January 9, 2023 and February 27, 2023. There were

10 fire calls in the township with a total of 22.. The 2022 Fire Contribution was \$8,202.00

The per capita contribution has been raised from \$20 to \$40 which increase the Field Township contribution to \$16,404.00. New equipment is needed and hopefully fund raisers will help with this.

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Roads –Joel Knutson reported the spring storm caused tree damage on the Neva Road and Dutchman

Tree Service was hired to clean it up. The township applied for storm damage reimbursement from the

state. No money has been received yet. The other roads are in good shape with regular maintenance.

South Riddell is one mile long and had a culvert installed and 12 loads of gravel added.

Tomheim got

3 loads of gravel, Johnson and Drangle 1 load each. Tonheim might need some trees cleared.

Town Hall- Joel Knutson reported on the new 84 inch wide screen bought for the hall. The board is

considering a cell phone to be tied into the tv for displaying minutes etc. and used for training. He will

also be contacting contractors to remodel the two hall bathrooms into one handicap accessible bathroom. The closet in the main room would then be heated to store election equipment. The ceiling

needs re-leveled and tiles replaced.

Cemetery - Joel Knutson reported there is some brushing that needs done. Three benches are there now

and new windows were installed in the church which need some scraping and painting in the spring.

The ground's equipment is in good shape. Some trees and stumps were removed by Dutchman Tree

Service. At the May cemetery inspection the area to the north where fill was dumped will be examined.

Hospital - Mike Enzmann reported staffing is still a challenge. There was a 52% turnover which is

common all over the state. Traveling workers are filling in . A bill to increase pay to nursing home staff is being introduced which would cause pay raises across the board. The adult day care was closed in October due to lack of participation. Besides the levy, grants and donations have been received.

Joint Powers - Mike Enzmann reported on the Airport Zoning Board he joined as a Field Township representative. Existing zoned areas and proposed zoning does impact land within Field Township

boundaries on the east side. Joel Knutson reported on the Northwood's School Forest. He has made contact with the new school principal and will show her the forest area in the summer.

Website - Deputy Clerk Chapman reported on the township website. Old data has been removed with

current minutes and information added. Residents brought up links to include - North Soil and Water, Cook Parks and Rec. and the St. Louis County Fair.

Public Comment - Chris Hannine asked about the school emergency road. He has helped maintain it with gravel and the school installed a culvert. The clerk will contact our school board member to get more information.

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Levy - The township board recommends a levy of \$62,000 payable in the year 2023 broken down into the following funds:

General \$16,000 Hall \$8,000

Fire \$19,000 Cemetery \$6,000

Road \$7,000

Amb. \$6,000

Motion made by Tammy Palmer, seconded by Chris Hannine. Motion carried. Tammy Palmer made

a motion to establish the next annual election on March 9, 2023 at the Field Town Hall with the election hours 5pm – 8pm with the annual meeting to follow. Seconded by Chris Hannine.

Motion carried .

Election results – Election Judge Tim Chapman gave the results of the 2023 Field Township Annual

Election:

Supervisor – Mike Enzmann 12 votes (Three year term)

Treasurer - Ellie Brunner 11 votes (Two year term)

There were 12 registered voters.

Motion made to adjourn by Tammy Palmer, seconded by Chris Hannine . Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment time 9:40 p.m.

Township property inventoried at the town hall :

57 folding chairs  
Chair holder  
7 folding tables  
1 large wooden table  
1 small table  
3 pews  
1 piano and bench  
1 refrigerator  
1 microwave  
1 Auto Mark voting machine and table  
1 DS 200 ballot counter  
1 outdoor vote here sign  
Dividers for voting booths  
3 plexi glass table shields  
2 metal ballot boxes  
84 inch flat screen television  
Moderator:  
Clerk Pat Chapman Date: