

Proceedings of Township Meetings

Meeting held on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1916

Proceedings of the annual meeting and election of the town board held on the third day of April 1916 in the township hall of the township of Bates

April 3rd 1916 7^o o'clock A.M. The board of inspectors of election was duly organized. Ault Trants, chairman, Ault Johnsons, and E. J. Gustafson and Emil Thunander, inspectors Victor Benson, Oscar Anderson, John Lamborn Clerks of said election.

The oath of office was administered by the supervisor, Victor Benson

The ballot boxes kept by the clerk was examined by the board of election inspectors and the contents removed there from, and the ballot boxes was then locked and the keys retained by Ault Johnson one of the inspectors and justice of the peace of said township.

The chairman then announced that the polls were open for the election of officers as provided for by statute which was proclaimed by the gate keeper. The ballots were then opened and marked ready for balloting at 11 o'clock A.M. The board of inspectors duly resolved that at 12 o'clock the board would adjourn for one hour for dinner which was proclaimed by the gate keeper also at 11³⁰ - 11⁴⁵ and 12 o'clock noon at one o'clock P.M. The chairman announced that the business of the day would be transacted by Viva Voce vote. There was 75 qualified voters or electors present.

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Victor Benson acted as moderator and John Coribear as clerk of said meeting. The financial condition of the several funds was read to the voters by John Coribear.

The Supervisor, Victor Benson presented the Highway Commission's report in regards the up keep of the township roads.

After some discussion over the several funds a motion made by C. J. Gustafson supported by Ault. Johnson that we raise \$2000.⁰⁰ for contingent fund purposes.

Vote on the above motion as stated by the moderator was as follows:

73 votes for and 2 against
motion carried

Moved by Ault. Strans supported by Frank Erickson that we raise \$3000.⁰⁰ for Highway Improvement fund purposes.

Vote on same as stated by moderator
75 votes for and none against
motion carried

Moved by Ault. Strans supported by Frank Erickson that we raise \$12000.⁰⁰ for road repair purposes.

Vote on same was as follows:
75 votes for and none against
motion carried

Moved by Frank Erickson supported by Ault. Strans that we raise \$500.⁰⁰ for snow purposes and the said \$500.⁰⁰ be added to the amt. to be raised for road repair.

Vote on same was as follows:
80 votes for and none against
motion carried

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Moved by E. J. Gustafson supported by Victor Demonges that we raise \$500.⁰⁰ for the poor fund. Vote as stated by moderator 48 for and none against.
Motion Carried

Moved by Capt Johnson supported by Frank Erickson that we raise \$1000.⁰⁰ for the town hall fund. Vote in same was as follows 40 for and none against.
Motion Carried.

There being no further business coming up before the voters upon a motion duly made and supported that we adjourn. (Motion carried)

The polls were then declared open for further balloting for officers by the gate keeper. The Gate keeper proclaimed that at 4.30 4.45 & 5 o'clock the polls will close at 5 o'clock the Chairman stated that the polls will now close.

The vote was then publicly canvassed as provided for by Law. After the ballots had been counted the number of votes received by each candidate was publicly declared to be as follows

Charles Olson	for supervisor received	153
Frank Erickson	" " "	1
Joseph Gudqvist	" Treasurer	90
Adolph Larberg	" "	83
Richard A. Putz	" for Clerk	99
Frank Erickson	" "	65

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Wafford Hybom	Highway Commissioner	90
Edward Fogquist	"	82
Chas H. Olson	Overser District #1	156
Oscar Erickson	" " #2	152
Gothard Nordren	Justice of the Peace	156
Peter A. Carlson	Member Board of Review	152
Chas. Hughes	Constable	141
Arthur Erickson	"	1

Duplicate statements of the results held this day of said election showing the whole number of votes cast for each officer and the names of the persons for which such votes were cast and the number each received were prepared and duly filed according to law.

John Coribear, Clerk

I, John Coribear, Clerk of the Township of Bates do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of all motions and proceedings made, done and adopted at the regular annual township meeting of the Township of Bates held on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1916, in the town hall in said Township.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
John Coribear.