

Proceedings of Township Meetings

Meeting held on the Third day of April A. D. 1917

The following are the Minutes of the annual Township Meeting and proceedings of the Township of Bates held on Monday the 2nd day of April A. D. 1917 at the Town Hall in said Township, that being the place where the last annual meeting was held, pursuant to the Statute in such cases made and provided April 2nd 1917. 7 O'clock A. M. The Board of Election inspectors was duly organized with Aug. Vrans Chairman Olef Helgren and Frank Erickson as Clerks, Mike Seclair and Emil Thunander as inspectors and Edward Rydberg Gatekeeper. The Constitutional Oaths of Office were then administered to the Inspectors Clerks and Gatekeeper which oaths are in writing in the Post Book provided for the day and are on file in the Clerks Office. The ballot Boxes kept by the Clerk were then examined by the Chairman and inspectors of Election and the contents removed there from and were then locked by the Chairman and the Key given to G. Mike Seclair one of the inspectors designated by a Motion of the Board of inspectors. The Chairman then made the proclamation that the polls are now open for the Election of Officers as provided by the Statute for this day which said announcement was proclaimed by Edward Rydberg Gatekeeper. The ballots were then opened, marked and prepared for voting and voting began at 7:40 A. M. and said polls were open until 12 O'clock when the polls were closed and hour for dinner, at 1 O'clock P. M. The Chairman announced that the business to be transacted would be by viva voce vote and would be transacted which announcement was proclaimed by the Gatekeeper Edward Rydberg and the following business transacted. There was present Supervisor Charley Olson who called

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The meeting to order and acted as Moderator of the Meeting and Richard A. Fitz Clerk of said Township acted as Clerk of the meeting and there were present 82 Qualificed Voters of said Township. The Moderator then read the financial statement of the several funds which statements were ordered printed by the Township board at the settlement meeting and said statements are on file in the Clerk's office and the following resolution was then offered by Frank Erickson supported by August Kraus. Resolved That there be raised by direct taxation for the Contingent Fund one thousand two hundred (\$2000) dollars there being no amendments offered to said resolution and after discussing the said resolution the Moderator stated that a vote be taken on said resolution by dividing the Hall which vote was then taken and the result as stated by the Moderator was as follows 70 for said resolution and 12 against where upon the said resolution was declared adopted by the Moderator. The following resolution was then offered by August Kraus who moved its adoption. Resolved That it be raised \$10000.00 Ten thousand dollars for the Road repair Fund said resolution was supported by Frank Erickson and a vote was taken by dividing the meeting and the Moderator stated that was 68 for and 15 against said resolution so it was declared adopted by the Moderator.

The following resolution was then offered by Lawrence Tuba who moved its adoption. Resolved That there be raised ^{for the} \$500.00 dollars for the support of the Poor. Resolution was supported by Victor Farsberg a vote was taken on said resolution by dividing the meeting and the Moderator stated that there were 70 for said resolution and 24 against same.

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and said resolution was declared carried by the Moderator

A resolution was then offered by Frank Erickson who moved its adoption. Resolved that we raise five thousand dollars for Highway Improvement Fund. said resolution was supported by W. Hedstrom a vote was taken on said resolution which resulted as follows 16 for said resolution and 70 against same and it was declared lost by the Moderator.

The following resolution was then offered by Victor Demongo who moved its adoption ^{resolved} that they be raised five thousand ⁵⁰⁰⁰ dollars for Highway Improvement purposes. said resolution was supported by Victor Gustaf and a vote was taken in ^(by dividing the meeting) ~~same~~, which resulted as follows 60 for and 26 against. said resolution was ~~declared~~ adopted as stated by the Moderator.

There being no further business before the meeting a motion was made and duly supported that we adjourn.

The polls were then opened again for balloting which was duly proclaimed by gate keeper Edward Rydberg at 4 o'clock ^{PM}. The gate keeper proclaimed the polls will close one hour from now, at 4:30 ^{PM} o'clock. The gate keeper proclaimed the polls will close in 30 minutes from now, at 4:45 ^{PM} o'clock. The gate keeper proclaimed the polls will close in fifteen 15 minutes from now, and at 5 o'clock ^{PM}. The Chairman proclaimed the polls closed. The ballot boxes were then opened and the ballots publicly canvassed according to law and the statutes in such cases made and provided. After the ballots had been counted the results thereof and the votes received by each candidate on the ballots was publicly declared by the Chairman to be as follows

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| For Supervisor | Charley Olson | received | 61 | voter |
| - | Adolph Forsberg | " | 148 | " |
| for Clerk | Richard A. Putz | " | 93 | " |
| for | Hjalmer Johnson | " | 111 | " |
| Treasurer | Carl J. Gustafson | " | 56 | " |
| " | Joseph Yendzwill | " | 149 | " |
| Highway Commission | Edward Sjogquist | " | 68 | " |
| " | Irwin Anderson | " | 140 | " |
| Overseer of Highway | Dis No 2 Charles K Olson | " | 93 | " |
| " | Dis No 1 John Nelson | " | 56 | " |
| " | Dis No 1 Andrew Hanson | " | 144 | " |
| Justice of Peace | Emil Soderquist | " | | |
| " | Justie Hendrickson | " | 130 | " |
| Member board review | 27 years Isack Hendrickson | " | | |
| " | Mamuel B. Waite | " | | |
| " | 1 year Gust Finkholm | " | 63 | " |
| " | Conrad Rosendale | " | 129 | " |
| Constables | John Daly | " | 56 | " |
| " | Edward Rydberg | " | 65 | " |
| " | George Miller | " | 115 | " |
| " | Ray Wilcox | " | 97 | " |
| " | Sam Nelson | " | 108 | " |
| " | Arthur Johnson | " | 115 | " |

The number of votes cast for each officer is on file in the County Clerk's Office in the City of Crystal Falls and in the Ball box in the ballot box in the Township Clerk's office in the Town Hall of Bates Township County of Iron State of Michigan.

I, Richard A. Putz, Clerk of Bates Township do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of all the Motions Resolutions proceedings made done and adopted at the Annual Township Meeting of the Township of Bates held on Monday the 2nd day of April A.D. 1917 in the Town Hall of said Township in Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name. Respectfully,
Richard A. Putz
Township Clerk