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TOWN OF ROUND LAKE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 17, 2024

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were 17 town residents (including Town board members: - Strandlund, Palmer, Verbeck, Wilson, Chair Hanson; Treasurer Palya, and Clerk McCoy), and 4 nonresident.

Clerk McCoy administered the oath of office to new Town Board Supervisor Marvin Scott Verbeck.

Clerk McCoy presented 2023 Financial Statement. Noting the following: 100K donation from Fire Dept. Auxiliary to be used to equip new fire truck, new debt acquired 375,000, continued depletion of reserve accounts, and continuation of increasing cost overall.

Motion by Pat Feldner/ Mike Feldner to approve 2024 financial report as presented. Motion carried with all 17 electors voting in favor.

Bill Noonan – Need for expansion of fiber optic / internet – Century Link Service problems. Electors discussed similar problems/ alternatives – satellite / Norvado expansion.

Mike Feldner – Thank you to pervious board for support of Fire Dept. and EMS services. Need for EMS ambulance service in Round Lake. Suggested towns (Round Lake, Spider Lake, Hunter) push issue of having a County Ambulance Station in this area. Discussion on this along with the town’s willingness to donate land for a building site. Motion by Kathy McCoy / Pat Feldner to approve the donation of up to 5 acres of town owned land to Sawyer County for the exclusive use to provide an ambulance building site to service this area. Motion carried with all 17 electors in favor.

Jim Jabrosky – concerns about safety of new Boat Launch – Tiger Cat Landing. Discussion on possible solutions: Dock / review of design/ and construction.

Pat Feldner – concerns future Fire Dept. Equipment replacement needs – funding town reserve account for this. General discussion and clarification of levy limits, how they originated, and the effect they have had/ and continue to have on local governments. Alternatives, levy increase by the electors, increasing borrowing/ debt / continued work on more grant funding etc. Pat Delany - Town Boards are non-partisan. Problem without raising taxes how can towns continue to provide services. Need to raise taxes – electors can do this.

General discussion on wild fire protection plan and its various elements: Education mailings: Hands on actual property assessments/ coordination other municipalities and agencies.

General discussion on ATV/ UTV issues –Local vs. County jurisdiction: Strandlund – stated that statue provides for control of jurisdiction to road owner – concerns expressed about taking away the town’s voice related to this and possible future issues General discussion on opening roads to ATV/ UTV use: economic benefits, connectivity to trail system, law enforcement and safety,

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Kathy McCoy- Clerk

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