

Minutes of the Proceedings of the
Annual Town Meeting held on
March 11, 2025

The annual town meeting, held for the Town of Arna in the county of Pine and the state of Minnesota, at the Markville Town Hall on March 11, 2025 was called to order by Cheryl Wickham, Clerk at 8:30 PM. Motion made by Cheryl Wickham and 2nd by David Royer for Bob Brewster to be the Moderator for this meeting. There was a motion made by Todd Johnson and 2nd by Angie Davis for Bernie Palmer to be Moderator. The Clerk asked for raised hands to vote. There were 9 for Bernie and 12 for Bob. All yay and motion carried and Bob Brewster was then chosen to preside as moderator. No other nominations were made.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following: Steve & Sue Nelson, Todd Johnson, Brian Johnson, David Fornengo, Glen & Roxanne Sladek, Walt & Tammy Hodgeman, Brent Hodgeman, David Royer, Janet Proffit, Lynn Anderson, Andrew Allen, Peggy Banks, Larry Pluta, Bernie Palmer Bob Brewster, Cheryl Wickham and Sue and Angela Davis.

The moderator stated the business to be transacted as follows: to complete the proposed agenda: set the 2026 Levy and to conduct any other appropriate business.

The results of votes were read for the Town Election of Supervisor for the term of 3 years and a Treasurer for a 2 year term. (See attachment). Both of the offices voted were tied and we needed to find out what necessary steps needed to be taken to settle the ties.

After some discussion, a Motion made by Walt Hodgeman and 2nd by Todd Johnson for Cheryl, the Town Clerk to go home and get her phone to call Kelly, Pine County Auditor, about what should be done regarding the ties on the votes. A motion and a 2nd motion was received to have Peggy Banks be a deputy clerk to keep minutes of the meeting while Cheryl was gone. Cheryl returned while Kelly was on the phone, so all present could hear. Kelly stated that we could solve this tie by a draw of the straw or any other way we felt was fair.

Clerk, Cheryl continued to take notes. Bob finished reading the Financial Report.

The next item of business, motion made by Angie Davis, 2nd by Bernie Palmer to designate the Outside of the Town Hall as the most public place to display notices, and to designate newspapers for publication as the Evergreen Advertiser and the North Pine County Newspaper. The WEB can be used for notices, also. In addition, the next annual meeting was ordered to be held at the Markville Town Hall at the same time and the same place was designated for holding the next general elections. All yay and motion passed.

Motion by Walt Hodgeman and 2nd by Brian Johnson to donate \$500.00 to Family Pathways, \$400.00 to the 7 County Senior Federation, \$100.00 to Old School Arts Center, which is same amount as we've done in previous years). Total amount of \$1,000.00. All yay and motion passed.

It was ordered that the following sums of money be raised by tax upon the taxable property in said town for the following purposes for the current year:

General Fund \$120,000 Motion made by Dave Royer and 2nd by Tammy Hodgeman
All yay and motion carried

Road and Bridge \$30,000 Motion made by Steve Nelson and 2nd by Sue Nelson
All yay and motion carried

Grader Fund \$15,000 Motion made by Walt Hodgeman and 2nd by Glen Sladek
All yay and motion carried.

Zoning Fund \$ 3,500 Motion made by Glen Sladek and 2nd by Todd Johnson
All yay and motion carried

Cemetery Fund \$5,000 Motion made by Janet Proffit and 2nd by Tammy Hodgeman.
All yay and motion carried.

Fire \$ 5,000 Motion made by Janet Proffit and 2nd by Walt Hodgeman
All yay and motion carried.

Building Fund \$ 5,000 Motion made by Steve Nelson and 2nd by Lynn Anderson.
All yay and motion carried.

For a total of \$183,500 being levied for township taxes. All of these motions were voted on by call of hands and all the above motions had a yay and all motions carried.

Lynn Anderson made a motion and Janet Proffit 2nd it and asked about having a picnic or get together for the town to come together for a public party and maybe set up committees for this. All yay and motion carried to investigate the possibilities and report to the Town Board their findings.

Motion made by Bob Brewster and 2nd by Cheryl Wickham to adjourn the meeting. All yay and the moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM.

The next Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 after the Town Election and Board of Canvass.

As recorded by Arna Township Clerk – Cheryl Wickham

