



White Bear Township Report

Grassroots Government In Full Swing At Annual Meeting

White Bear Township held its Annual Town Meeting on March 8, 2011. This was a “citizen’s meeting” and not a Town Board Meeting. As electors, the residents had the authority to elect a Town Board Supervisor for three-years and to vote on the preliminary tax levy for 2012. The moderator, Paul Kelleher, conducted the meeting according to the Roberts Rules of Order (as modified) and the Town Attorney, Patrick Kelly, served as the parliamentarian.

During the March 8th Annual Town Meeting the Town Clerk announced that residents re-elected Bill Mample to serve another three years as Town Board Supervisor. After several motions and “physical vote counts” directed by the parliamentarian, residents approved a \$3,047,756 preliminary 2012 property tax levy and scheduled next year’s Annual Meeting for March 13, 2012.

Guest speakers included Ramsey County’s new Sheriff Matt Bostrom (Citizen Recognition and Sheriff’s Department update); State Senator Roger Chamberlain and State Representative Carol McFarlane

Township resident Paul Kelleher was chosen by residents to be the moderator of the Town’s Annual Meeting.



(Legislative update); Darin Nelson, MnGFOA State Representative (present financial statement award); and Chuck Archer, Park Board Chair (Township Day Event).

Esther Herbert was recognized by Ramsey County Sheriff Matt Bostrom and presented a plaque by the Township for performing lifesaving measures on a cardiac arrest victim on I-35E in the Township.

Darin Nelson, Minnesota Government Finance Officer Association’s State Representative presented the Township with a plaque for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

This award was for the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and was the thirteenth consecutive year that the Township has received the award. The Township will be submitting the 2010 CAFR to the awards program for the fourteenth year. The Township is one of only 92 municipalities in Minnesota that received this award for 2009.

Township Finance Officer Jessie Hart reviewed the Township’s 2011 operating budget and reviewed the cuts that were made to decrease the 2011 levy by \$100,000 as voted on by the residents at the November 30, 2010 Special Town Budget Meeting. Hart also reviewed the proposed 2012 preliminary property tax levy.

The preliminary property tax levy, which voters approved, represents a .25% decrease from the 2011 preliminary tax levy.

It is a “worst case scenario” and can be decreased, but not increased, prior to the Special Town Budget Meeting, which is scheduled for November 29, 2011.

For more information about the tax levy or budget, please call Jessie Hart at (651) 747-2760 or visit www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

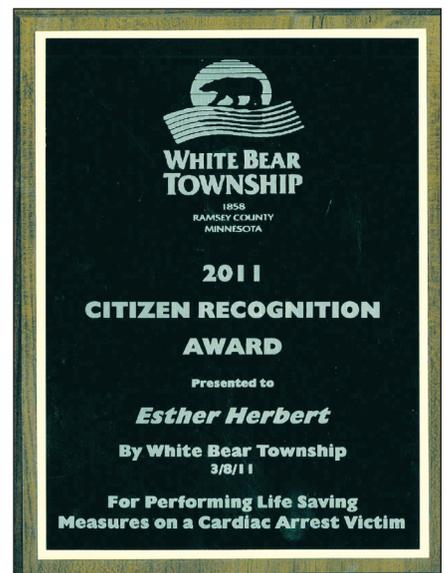


Township Attorney Patrick Kelly explained parliamentary procedure and helped tally residents’ votes on a motion made during the Town’s Annual Meeting.

March 8, 2011 Election Results

Bill Mample received 252 votes while his opponent, Roger Carlson, received 109 votes.

Mample was sworn into office during the Town’s April 4 meeting.



New Town Board Supervisor Appointed

An Appointment Committee comprised of two Town Board Supervisors and the Town's Clerk-Treasurer filled a vacancy on the Town Board for the first time in 31 years.

The position became available after Town Board Chair Dick Sand pleaded guilty in federal court to mortgage fraud and money laundering. Sand served on the Town Board for 34 years before leaving office. Among his many accomplishments, he helped to preserve the township form of government, kept tax rates low, expanded the Township's parks and public utilities system and built the Township's administrative offices and public works facility.

According to Township rules, the following appointment process was followed because the Town Board vacancy did not occur on or after December 2011:

• *The vacancy was filled by an appointment committee comprised of the remaining*

supervisors and the town clerk;

• *Upon assuming office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy was an eligible voter, be a minimum of 21 years of age, and have resided in the town for at least 30 days;*

• *The appointed person will hold office until the next annual town election, when a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term; and*

• *If more than one supervisor is to be chosen at the same election, candidates for the offices of supervisor must file for one of the specific terms being filled.*

Residents will, therefore, cast their votes for two Town Board Supervisors during the March 13, 2012 election: one for a one-year term and the other for a three-year term. Supervisors normally serve a three-year term.

The Township Appointment Committee received 21 applications for the vacancy and interviewed applicants last month.

After careful consideration, long-time



Town Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short administered the oath of office to Ed Prudhon during the Township's May 16 Town Board Meeting. Photo by George Rouse.

resident and township volunteer Ed Prudhon was unanimously chosen by the Appointment Committee.

Prudhon was sworn into office by Clerk-Treasurer Bill Short during the Township's May 16 meeting.

Prudhon is a General Contractor who has lived in the Township for 27 years. He has served on the Township's Planning Commission for 21 years, with six of those years as chairman.

Other Township News

- **Night-to-Unite.** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 2nd for the annual Night-to-Unite events in a neighborhood near you. More information will be provided on the Town's website and through the Public Safety Committee.
- **Soliciting in the Township.** No soliciting is allowed in the Township without prior approval by the Town Board. Residents should ask to see their "Township License", which they are required to carry with them if they have been officially approved by the Board. Residents may also pick-up "No Soliciting" signs at the Township offices. Solicitors must honor your "No Soliciting" sign if it is posted in a visible area near your door. Please call the Town offices or Ramsey County Sheriff Department if you experience a solicitor who does not honor your sign.
- **Compostable Bags REQUIRED.** Residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard and organic waste are required to put their waste out for pick-up in compostable bags - either paper (kraft) bags or compostable plastic bags. Additional information on compostable bags can be found on the Township Web Site main page at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.
- **Township Day 2011 – "MINNE-TASTE".** White Bear Township, in conjunction with area sponsors will be celebrating the Township's Fourth Annual Township Day Celebration on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Polar Lakes Park. A day full of family fun will include the School of Rock Road Crew Band, Mick Sterling and The Irresistibles, the Lamont Cranston Band, AND a Grand Fireworks Finale. Event details will be updated as planning proceeds so please view the tab Township Day Celebration on the Town's web site.
- **White Bear: A History.** White Bear: A History is available for purchase at White Bear Town Offices for \$49.95 per book (plus sales tax). Books are also available at The Depot, Lake Country Booksellers, The Nest, Common Good Books, Festival Foods, and Kowalski's Market. For more information call 651-747-2750 or visit the Township web site at www.ci.white-bear-township.mn.us.

