

**Re-Convened Annual Town Meeting  
Minutes  
August 24, 2011**

On Wednesday, August 24, 2011, the Annual Town Meeting was re-convened at the Big Lake Town Hall, located in Lions Park Community Center, 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota.

Moderator Rick Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 6 people in attendance when the meeting commenced. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only.

**Approval of the Agenda** – A motion was made by Mike Hayes to approve the agenda. Norm Leslie seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the agenda as presented.

**Unfinished Business**

a. **Finalize 2012 Tax Levy** – Treasurer Warneke presented the proposed levy information as follows:

Treasurer Warneke presented adjustments to the proposed 2012 levy within each fund, during the Second Monthly Board Meeting immediately preceding the Re-Convened Annual Meeting. Treasurer Warneke advised the state legislature has eliminated the market value credit and therefore Townships will not have to over-levy to get the funds they need because the state will no longer hold back any of the funds. He advised the Township will receive approximately \$20,000. in December 2011, but that will be the last time it will be received from the state. The Finance Committee met and is proposing to reduce the 2012 tax levy by 8% to maintain a level tax rate. The Township tax levy has been reduced by a total of 29% since 2008. Treasurer Warneke recommended the 2012 levy total of \$984,000. Treasurer Warneke called for questions regarding the 2012 levy proposal. Hearing none, Larry Alfords motioned to approve the total tax levy for 2012 in the amount of \$984,000. Bob Hofer seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motioned carried. The annual levy for 2012 was set at \$984,000.

General Fund	\$ 80,000
Road Fund	\$600,000
B.L. Fire Fund	\$133,000
Fire District #1	\$ 35,000
CIP 2006B Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 59,000
Econ. Dev./Industrial Park	\$ 77,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$984,000</b>

**Adjournment**

Mike Hayes motioned to adjourn the re-convened annual meeting. Bob Hofer seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hayes, Clerk