

Congregation Annual Meeting November 12, 2023

Zion annual meeting was called to order at 11:26 A.M. by President Kurt Pellmann with Pastor Darrell Weber opening in prayer. Seventy- Two members were present for the meeting.

Gary Shondy came forward and gave the Z team activities stating that the new shed was finished and being used. The old bridge has been replaced since the beams were rotted out and no longer safe to use. Lee's Hardware replaced the beams free since they were lifetime proof.

The radiators in church were all taken out and refinished and painted and returned to church this summer and fall. The new fence at the cemetery has been finished and some headstone repaired.

Election of new council member was taken with Joshua Seidlitz, Kurt Tegtmeier, and Andrew Taake. Dale Gruenewald motioned to accept new council members seconded by Rich Hoffelmeyer; motion carried. Board of Christian Education for Heather Kish, Les Mehrtens make a motion to accept Heather and seconded by Ginger Bourn; motion carried.

Betty Keller Timmer, Chair Person for the Budget committee, presented the budget. After some discussion, Bill Saverling made a motion to accept the budget and Barb Scharf seconded the motion; motion carried.

At this time A.J. Scharf came forward to speak to the members about buying an acre of property at church park. They bought the Old Millstadt Township building many years ago and need to expand their business here in town. They would like to buy the property behind the Township fenced in lot and over to their present building. Members held discussions with the Scharf's as their plans for the future. A.J. replied that they would like to stay in Millstadt because of their customers and being able to put more tax money back into the Village. After much discussion they were asked to leave so that members could discuss what to do with the property, if we wanted to sell the piece of land or hold on to it. Andrew Taake made the motion seconded by Dale Gruenewald to vote by paper ballot yes to sell or no to keep. Vote was 40 YES and 32 NO; property will be sold. Bob Timmer motioned to sell for \$40,000.00 and Bob Seidlitz seconded the motion; motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Gruenewald and seconded by Dave Woehlke to pave the parking lot at the church parking lot, the cost would be \$53,000.00; vote was lost.

Motion by Rich Trent and seconded by Bill Saverling to close meeting at 12:45 P.M. Meeting closed with the Lord Prayer.