

The following are the minutes of the proceedings at the annual meeting (election) of the Township of Bates held on the 5th day of April A.D. 1909 held in the town hall that being the place where such meetings are to be held hereafter in said township of Bates.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1909 7. A.M. The Board of Inspectors of Election was then duly organized with Oscar Anderson as chairman, Oscar Erickson and George Goulet as clerks and Peter Sjoquist and Aldo Lindquist as the other inspectors. The inspectors on motion appointed Gothard Nordin whose name was not on any ticket at the election as gate keeper. The constitutional oath of office were then administered to the inspectors, clerks and gatekeeper which oaths are in writing and are in the Poll books provided for this day and are on file in the clerk office. The Ballot Box kept by the township clerk was then examined by the chairman and inspectors of election and the contents removed therefrom and was then locked by the chairman and the key thereof delivered to Aldo Lindquist one of the inspectors. The chairman then announced that the polls were now duly opened for the election of the officers as provided by statute for this day which said announcement was simultaneously proclaimed by Gothard Nordin gate keeper. The Ballots were then duly opened marked and prepared for balloting and voting commenced by balloting at 11. A.M. The Board of Inspectors duly resolved that at 12 o'clock noon the board would adjourn for one hour which was then duly proclaimed by the gate keeper Gothard Nordin at 11.45 A.M. Gothard Nordin the gate keeper

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proclaimed that at 12 o'clock noon the Board of Inspectors would adjourn for one hour. 12 o'clock noon the Board of Inspectors adjourned for one hour pursuant to the resolution which was proclaimed by Gothard Vordin the gate keeper and that at 1 P.M. the Annual township business to be transacted after the business of said meeting was transacted the polls of said election was again opened. The clerks then compared poll lists and corrected mistakes under the direction of the Board of Inspectors until their poll lists corresponded. The ballot box was then opened and poll lists placed therein and the box locked and carefully sealed pursuant to the statute. At 1 P.M. April 5, 1909 there was transacted the following business and proceeding in town hall aforesaid where the township meeting was held. There was present Victor Benson supervisor of the said township of Bates who called the meeting to order and acted as moderator of the meeting. Adolf Forsberg township clerk of said township who acted as clerk of the meeting. The moderator then proceeded to read to the meeting the statement of the Commissioner of highways made pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, to the annual meeting of the township Board of said township which said statement said township board had order to be presented at the annual meeting of said township and which statement is on file in the township clerks office. The following Resolution was then offered by Wilbur Winton. Resolved that there be raised for contingent or ordinary expenses of the township aforesaid for the ensuing year by taxation of the taxable property of said township the sum of One thousand Dollars. Wilbur Winton moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution which motion

was supported by Erik Berg. There being no amendments to and after discussion of the resolution the moderator stated that the vote upon the adoption of the proposed resolution would be taken by dividing the meeting and that all the qualified Electors were entitled to vote. The vote was then accordingly taken and the result thereof stated by the moderator to be as follows 42 qualified electors voted in favor of and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the resolution was declared duly adopted, by the moderator. The supervisor then presented and read to the meeting an estimate of the sum which he deemed necessary for the support of the poor for the ensuing year. The following Resolution was then presented by Wilbur Winton a qualified elector of the township. Resolved that a sum of Five Hundred Dollars be assessed on the township of Bates for the ensuing year for the purpose of providing for the poor and the support for the poor of the township aforesaid. Wilbur Winton moved the adoption of the Resolution which motion was supported by Carl J Gustafson. The moderator then stated that all the electors were qualified to vote on the question and that the vote should be taken by dividing the meeting which vote was then accordingly taken and the result of the vote was stated by the moderator to be as follows 45 qualified electors voted in favor of the Resolution and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution. Whereupon the moderator declared the Resolution duly adopted. The following Resolution was then presented by Andrew Erickson a qualified Elector of the township. Resolved that a sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars

be assessed on the township of Bates for the ensuing year for the purpose of paying outstanding orders in the town hall fund Andrew Erickson moved the adoption of the Resolution which motion was supported by Erick Berg. The moderator then stated that all the electors were qualified to vote on the question and that the vote should be taken by dividing the meeting which vote was then accordingly taken and the result of the vote was then stated by the moderator to be as follows. 47 qualified electors voted in favor of and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the moderator declared the Resolution duly adopted.

The following resolution was then presented by Victor Demongo an elector of said township ~~on the~~ then present and voting at said meeting and who did not reside in any incorporated village. Therefore be it Resolved that there be raised for Highway Improvement purposes in the township of Bates for the next ensuing year a tax of one half of one per cent on the aggregate assessed valuation of the property of said township of Bates. Said Victor Demongo moved the adoption of said of Resolution which motion was supported by August Krans an elector not residing in any Incorporated village. after discussion of the resolution the moderator stated that only those not residing in any incorporated village were entitled to vote on the adoption of the Resolution and that the vote by dividing the meeting would then be taken and the result publicly stated by the moderator to be as follows  
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Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted, by the moderator. The following Resolution was then presented by Victor Demongo an elector of said township. Therefore be it Resolved that there be raised for Road Repair purposes in the township of Bates for the next ensuing year, a tax of one half of one per cent on the aggregate assessed valuation of the property of said township of Bates. Said Victor Demongo moved the adoption of said Resolution which motion was supported by August Krans an elector not residing in any incorporated village. After discussion of the resolution the moderator stated that only those not residing in any incorporated village were entitled to vote on the adoption of the resolution and that the vote by dividing the meeting would then be taken and the result publicly stated by the moderator to be as follows. 48 qualified electors voted for and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the moderator. The following Resolution was then presented by Andrew Erickson a qualified elector of the township Resolved that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars be raised by tax on the taxable property of the said township for all school purposes for the ensuing year. The adoption of the resolution was moved by Andrew Erickson supported by August Krans and a vote was then taken by dividing the meeting. The result thereof stated by the moderator to be as follows 47 qualified electors voted for and none voted against the adoption of the Resolution whereupon the moderator declared the Resolution adopted.

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There being no further business to be transacted by viva voce business the polls were then again opened for the further balloting for officers which was duly proclaimed by the gatekeeper 4 o'clock the gate keeper proclaimed that at 5 o'clock P.M. the polls would close 4.30 P.M. the gatekeeper proclaimed that in thirty minutes or at 5 o'clock the polls would close, 5 o'clock P.M. the chairman stated that the polls would now close and the polls were closed.

The votes were then publicly canvassed according to the statute in such case made and provided. After the tickets or Ballots had been counted the result thereof and the number of votes received by such candidates or person on the ticket was then publicly declared by the chairman to be as follows.

## For supervisor

Frank Erickson	received	71 votes
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Victor Benson	"	57 "
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## For Clerk

Adolf Forsberg	"	78 "
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Erick Berg	"	52 "
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## For Township Treasurer

Olof Anderson	"	98 "
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Carl J Gustafson	"	26 "
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## For School Inspector

August Krans	"	65 "
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Wilbur Winton	"	59 "
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## For Highway Commissioner

Olof Trybom	"	60 "
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Adolf Gustafson	"	21 "
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Nels Hanson	"	42 "
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## For Justice of the Peace

Ole Benson	"	78 "
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## For Member Board of Review

Peter A Carlson	"	58 "
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Isaac Hendrikson	"	69 "
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For Overseer

Emil Thunander received 82 votes

John Nelson " 39 "

For member Board of Education

Louis Olson received 64 "

Edward Brockway " 58 "

For Constables

Oscar Anderson " 70 "

John LeClaire " 54 "

William Yakel " 30 "

Sam Nelson " 40 "

and duplicate statement of said result showing the whole number of votes cast for each officer the number of the persons for which each vote were cast and the number of votes each candidate received were prepared and duly filed according to law. There being no further business the meeting therefore adjourned.

Adolf Forsberg  
Clerk of Bates Township

I Adolf Forsberg Clerk of the annual township meeting held at town hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1909. do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of all the motions resolutions and proceedings made and adopted at the regular annual township meeting held at the place and on the date as aforesaid.

In testimony hereof I have hereto subscribed my name.

Adolf Forsberg  
Clerk of Bates Township.