

Annual Town Meeting of Electors

Meeting Minutes(Unapproved)

April 16th, 2019

Opening

The Annual Town Meeting of Electors was called to order at 6:30pm on April 16th, 2019 in Haines Building by Chairman John Sendra.

Roll Call

Town Clerk Amber Thompson conducted a roll call. The following were present Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, Supervisor Eric Snow, Treasurer Lin Miller, Chairman John Sendra, Supervisor Opal Roberts, Supervisor Mike Lambert and 15 Electors. Absent Attorney Fritz Schellgell.

Appoint/Swear in Town Clerk and New Candidates:

Motion to appoint Amber Thompson as the new Town Clerk made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Opal Roberts. Carried. Iron County Clerk Mike Saari swore in Amber Thompson as Town Clerk, Eric Snow as Town Supervisor, Lin Miller as Town Treasurer, John Sendra as Town Chairman and Opal Roberts as Town Supervisor.

Approval of prior year minutes:

Chairman John Sendra read the minutes of the prior year held on April 17th, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes as read with said corrections made by Elector Vic Ouimette, seconded by elector Kathy Tutt. Carried.

2018 Financial Report:

Chairman John Sendra read through each line item on the attached 2018 financial report. However, the electors and Board members, including the chairman, could not fully understand the report. A motion to approve the financial report made by Elector Shawn Thompson, seconded by elector Tom Schleuter, Chairman John Sendra called all in favor. There were 3 yes and 3 no. The 2018 Financial Report was not approved. After discussing the report, Elector Vic Ouimette commented that there should be a more user-friendly format for financials next year. The decision was made that the financials for 2018 are to be re-approved after the town audit, and a new easier to understand financial form will be utilized.

Chairman's Report:

- Discussed the renovations: **The old town garage:** put in new doors, new lighting, new roof and insulation. **Garage#2:** The stone building was torn down and a warming shed was put up at the Transfer Station. The Town Hall,

Community Center and Library had new furnaces installed, and new steps and railings at the Community Center.

- Improved working relationships with government agencies, especially DOT and DNR. The Wilson Lake situation was corrected, and we got on the good side of the DNR. All the work done in town and in the wetland areas was in compliance with the DNR.
- Grant monies: Gurnee, WI had a \$14,000.00 grant which we were able to secure, they didn't use so they transferred it over to us. We received a grant for \$22,397.00 for paving on West Popko Circle.
- We worked with the Dusty Loons to open the town trails, which was great for business.
- We worked with Forestry to expand the Mercer Trails by 17.9 miles which resulted in a trail allotment increase from \$5600 to \$12,333.00.
- Cramer Lake Bridge project was finally completed 8/13/18 and came in about a week before they scheduled it to be completed. The contract was originally written with the state at an 80/20 match and had a cap at \$309,000.00. The contract was written four years before and came out more of 55/45 match, which the town was going to stop the project, but after many calls to the DOT, we were able to receive a 90/10 match or \$93,000.00 credit, which allowed us to complete the project.
- We corrected Cemetery problems which could have resulted in costly legal problems; we restructured the cemetery map through the computer and established new Sexton procedures.
- We increased our Ambulance remuneration for Towns of Sherman and Oma from \$1,000 each to \$3,200.00 and \$3,000.00 respectively.
- A new plow truck was put into service
- We applied to FEMA for disaster aid following the June storm
- Added Fairview Road and a section of Forest Road to the Road System. We were losing about \$1,000.00 a year there.

Elector Adam Kussard made the Motion to pass the Chairman's report as read by John Sendra with additions added by supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by elector Bill Brundage. Motion Carried.

Town Business of the Electors:

- Elector Beth Wetzler the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce gave a report on the 2018-19 year.
- Chairman John Sendra discussed an upcoming event for hazardous waste pick up the week of July 4th.

- Supervisors Chuck Schroepfer and Opal Roberts also shared that the Library will have a small pick up on Earth Day as well.
- Elector Bill Brundage states the town owes a big thank you to the Chamber and Beth Wetzler, for taking on a positive identity unlike any other and should be recognized.
- Elector Kathy Tutt asked about the five-year road plan for improvements. Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer stated everything on a road plan is tentative and has to do with time and cost.
- Elector Vic Ouimette wanted to add a special thanks to the Chamber and Beth Wetzler for doing a super job. Commented the Town Crew did a great job with our record snow fall. Asked about Shay Dam regarding putting in a different gate and a method of raising and lowering the water. He stated he was disappointed the town attorney wasn't here because of the issue coming up with having an audit and accepting the financial report and where we stand on that.
- John Sendra gave an update on Shay Dam. There is a two-year plan and they have identified the issues and are working with the DNR and Engineers.
Elector Vic Ouimette made a motion to authorize and instruct the town board to call a special meeting to give the electors the results of that audit, seconded by elector Kathy Tutt. Carried.

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- Treasurer Lin Miller reported, upon request, 20 dogs are registered in town this year
- Elector Pete Wetzler commented on bight in town. There are the same properties that are vacant and not maintained. What is the procedure?
- Supervisor Eric Snow also stated the ordinances regarding fireworks may not be up to state statutes or standards.

Set Date and Time for Annual Meeting:

Motion to set date for Wednesday April 22nd at 6:00pm made by Elector Kathy Tutt, seconded by Elector Adam Kussard. Carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Elector Adam Kussard, seconded by Elector Vic Ouimette. Carried. Chairman John Sendra adjourned meeting at 7:33pm.

Minutes submitted by: Amber Thompson, Town Clerk

Approved: unapproved