

APRIL 19, 2022 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The 2021 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Town Chairman Dave Wesely. He led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nineteen people, (14) town residents and five (5) town officers were present.

Town residents were given a copy of the minutes from the 2020 Annual Town Meeting prior to the start of the meeting. Dusty Smidle made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Mark Raisleger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Town residents were also given a copy of the 2021 Annual Town Report prior to the start of the meeting. Various income and expense items were explained. Dusty Smidle made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Annual Report and Suzi Sevcik seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Clerk Todd DeGrave explained the curbside pick income and expenses and why there was a difference of \$10,685. The Clerk also pointed to the income from zoning, which is very high (\$11,838) because of 3 cell towers in one year.

Chairman Wesely stated that the cost of ambulance was only slightly higher than previous years. Mark Raisleger asked if anybody knew what was going to happen with County Rescue. Suzi Sevcik said that they are trying to staff the Denmark site but there are challenges finding people.

Chairman Wesely reported that we will continue to have fire protection provided by the Denmark Fire Department and Tisch Mills Fire Department with their rate being one-half mil for each fire department. Very little change from the previous year. Town property values are up slightly but the population is down slightly.

Chairman Wesely then asked for a motion to join the Wisconsin Towns Association. Tom Konop made a motion for the Town to join the Wisconsin Towns Association and Dick Wochos seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Chairman Wesley introduced Scott Brown as the new county representative for the Town.

Chairman Wesley explained the assessment process and why it needs to be done. The process will be done towards the end of the year. He explained postcards will be sent out to residents explaining the process and that people can decide to not let assessors into their houses.

Chairman Wesley explained the new Bipartisan Infrastructure program from the federal government. Projects are an 80/20 cost share but have enhanced rules regarding engineering and bidding process. Supervisor Katie Duckart explained the push towards Towns completing for projects vs being awarded equally.

Chairman Wesley explained that the Town did not get approved for the Manitowoc Road project but was awarded LRIP funds for the Langes Corner project.

Chairman Wesley commented on the excellent work Tom Konop is doing as chairman of the Planning Committee. Suzi Sevcik asked about the pay structure for Planning Committee members. Clerk Todd DeGrave stated they are paid \$25 per meeting. Suzi Sevcik made a motion to increase pay to \$40 per meeting and \$60 for the chairman. There was no second and the motion was withdrawn. Tom Konop gave background on the zoning administrator position and how the duties have changed over the years and that Suzi is taking on more responsibility. Tom Konop mentioned a change to \$18 per hour pay. Keven Bradley mentioned he was not concerned about the money, mainly does it as a sense of duty. Dale Demin made a motion to keep the \$25 per meeting rate for members but increase the Chairman to \$50. Scott Brown seconded the motion. The vote was 14 in favor and 1 against. The motion carried.

Suzi Sevcik mentioned a possible raise for town board members and suggested raising the chairman and clerk positions by \$1,500 and the treasurer and supervisor positions by \$500. There was a lot of discussion. Many comments were made about the amount of work it takes. Wayne Bradley mentioned that the price of everything is going up. Tom Konop made a motion to approve the numbers suggested by Suzi Sevcik. Dusty Smidle seconded the motion. The vote was 10 in favor and 2 against. The motion carried.

Chairman Wesley mentioned that Suzi Sevcik was doing a great job as zoning administrator. Clerk Todd DeGrave informed people that the position pays \$125 per month plus \$20 per building permit issued. Dale Demin asked how many permits were issued last year and clerk Todd DeGrave answered 21. Dale also asked why a list of permits issued were not on the annual

report. Dale said they were at one time but it has been many years and nobody really knows when or why they are no longer listed on the annual report. Scott Brown mentioned that the cost of a building permit is very low and has not changed in years. Scott Brown also stated that was the same amount he was getting 10 years ago when he was doing the job and we should probably reach out to other towns to see what they charge for building permits.

Scott Brown made a motion to increase the zoning administrator pay to \$200 per month. Dusty Smidle seconded the motion. The vote was 14 in favor and 0 against. Motion carried.

Chairman Wesely then asked for motion to set the date for the next Annual Meeting. Clerk Todd DeGrave mentioned that we don't really need to make a motion if we just accept the default date of the third Tuesday in April. It was decided to use the default date, April 18th, 2023

Dusty Smidle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kelly Rortvedt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by,

Todd DeGrave, Town Clerk