

April 16, 2024 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The 2023 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. Seventeen people, (12) town residents and five (5) town officers were present.

Town residents were given a copy of the minutes from the 2022 Annual Town Meeting prior to the start of the meeting. Mark Raisleger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Jim Wacek seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Town residents were also given a copy of the 2023 Annual Town Report prior to the start of the meeting. Various income and expense items were explained. Dick Wochos asked about Bridge & Culvert repairs & Chairman Wesely deferred that to the end to discuss.

Supervisor Duckart asked about the board salaries amount, and Clerk Sevcik noted that it's abnormally large last year because we paid everyone annually the past several years to take advantage of ARPA money, but going forward it was approved by the board to pay quarterly as we do payroll monthly for the Zoning Administrator & the new accounting software made it easier to do. Supervisor Duckart's follow-up question was asking for an explanation of the computer expenses. They were a combination of the new accounting software \$5952.17 & new website \$595.

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. Dick Wochos asked about the value & if that was changing & it will need to be discussed with the fire departments to use equalized value because of our revaluation year. The Denmark contract went up about \$4k & Tisch Mills about \$3k so a normal increase.

Chairman Wesely then asked for a motion to join the Wisconsin Towns Association. Todd DeGrave made a motion for the Town to join the Wisconsin Towns Association and Mark Raisleger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Chairman Wesely asked for a motion for the town to borrow money on a short term basis if needed. Dean Duckart made the motion, Todd DeGrave seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

Chairman Wesely then listed several projects/accomplishments of the board this past year.

- Town Hall Improvements – Landscaping, painting – time donated by Supervisor Kleiman, Floors Waxed
- Computer Updates – New accounting software
- WiFi at the Town Hall
- New Website
- New garbage contract – 5 years, larger containers
- Revaluation year
- Ordinances updated – Short Term Rental, ROW, Planning Commission
- Street Signs updated
- Culverts Inventory
- Road Projects completed & plans for this year.

Chairman Wesely noted the board drove the town roads the day before & approved up to \$2500 to be paid to the County to fix pot holes on several roads. Jim Wacek objected to that as he had done the pot hole filling the year previously and only charged for mileage. The benefit to the town, Chairman Wesely said was the county has fresh mix, and all the pot holes can be filled within a week, whereas our cold mix is now 3 years old, stored at the former clerk's place and can't be broken up until it's at least 70 degrees out. There will still be pot holes to fill after this and if Jim is willing, he can still fill later this summer.

There were 14 areas that were noted on town roads that we'll get bids on. The worst being Collegiate from Drumm Rd to BB. With only \$230,000 in funds to fix roads, it won't go far.

Dick Wochos objected to using the County to replace the culvert on Rangeline. He said Jadin would have been cheaper – but didn't provide details to back that up. Chairman Wesely replied that that culvert had collapsed, the road was a danger & there was no time to put this out to bid. The county was able to come in and fix it quickly and with bridge aid, half the cost was reimbursed by bridge aid.

JP Wochos was at the meeting & noted that the Copper Top would be opening May 2nd and asked about lowering the speed limit on AB, and was told that's a County issue and should be brought to them.

Cathy Karmen noted that Wendt Services did an excellent job on the ditch cutting.

Tires being dumped in ditches was also discussed as the town board is the one that picks those up & disposes of them, if anyone sees anyone doing this, please get a license plate & call it in to the sheriff's office.

Dying ash trees in the town were discussed. These will continue to be an issue for the town when they fall on roads.

Todd DeGrave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dean Duckart. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

Suzi Sevcik, Town Clerk