

Town of Kaukauna  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Van Asten. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were, Chairman Mike Van Asten, Supervisor Shane Robley, Supervisor Denny Van Vreede, and Debbie Vander Heiden Clerk/Treasurer. Also present were 15 residents and 1 Guest.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Annual meeting as presented. Motion by Sharon Reynolds to approve the minutes as presented, second by Ken Vander Heiden. Motion carried. 15 aye, 0 nay.

Legal Discussion. There were no legal issues.

Annual Report: The Annual was presented by Clerk/Treasurer Vander Heiden. Jamie Weiland questioned what the Grant was for the ARP. Clerk Vander Heiden explained that we received a grant from the Federal Government and the funds could only be spent on COVID related causes. The Town is planning a Park Shelter. Weiland also questioned the available cash. Clerk Vander Heiden explained that certain accounts are not liquid and the money received from the Power Plant is used the following year budget because we don't receive the funds until November. Mr. Weiland also questioned what they were going to do with extra money from Highway maintenance? Supervisor Van Vreede reported that the parking lot needs to be reconstructed and it will go for that.

Fire Department report:

The Fire Department report was given by Chief Ron Young. Ron reported that they had 54 calls in 2022, down from 2021. They were 3 home fires, 2 mutual aid calls with the rest being accidents, most from Highway 41 and other miscellaneous. They have 24 active members and 3 new members training. They are still looking for new members as He and Bruce George will be retiring this year. He is confident that the Fire Fighters they have will do a great job taking over. Ron demonstrated the SCVA tanks the Fire Fighters have to wear in a Fire and thanked the 2 Town Boards for approving the extra cost for 5 new units as they came in over budget than originally quoted. The cost of each unit is 5,725.00. Ron was thanked for all his years of service.

EMR Report:

Shane Robley reported that they presently have 12 members on the department with 2 new members training. He reported that Sue Nackers will be retiring in 2023. They had 101 calls up from 2021. The calls ranged from heart attacks, strokes, diabetic issues and accidents. Accidents have been down since J & JJ and Hwy N road improvements. Highway J & S intersection is still is a problem area for accidents and Hwy 41. They are also looking for new members. If interested contact any member.

Historical Society report:

Debbie VanderHeiden reported the Historical Society has new members to keep it going including herself as Treasurer. They held a successful Fall Fest last year and are planning another one in 2023. They have some money to paint the building this spring, but are still getting a few estimates. They are planning a rummage sale in May and a Car Show in August. They are getting new members and are doing well.

Open Discussion:

- Joy Goeben from the 5 Assembly district reported on the planned Shared Revenue the Governor has in the budget and should mean more revenue for the Town. They are still fighting to get increased funding for roads and there are some Farming Grants that may be available. Contact her with any questions or concerns.
- Jamie Weiland questioned when the roads are going to be repaired as they pay a lot of taxes and their road is in bad shape. Chairman Van Asten said they are trying to construct 1 mile per road. With a cost of 300,000.00 per mile they can't afford to do them all. Mike reported that this year they are finishing McCabe road and next year they will be starting Farrell Road. The Farrell road Bridge has been pushed back to 2026 so that part of Farrell will be done when the bridge is constructed. Supervisor Van Vreede reported that the Board does not want to borrow any money if they don't need to.

New Business:

- a. Swear in New Board members: 2023 – 2025 term Board members sworn in are:  
Mike Van Asten – Chairman  
Dennis Van Vreede – Supervisor 1  
Mike Van Vreede – Supervisor 2  
Supervisor Robley was recognized for his 10 years of service.

Other Business:

- Next year's Annual Meeting will be set for April 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Ken Vander Heiden to adjourn, second by Sharon Reynolds. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Vander Heiden,

Clerk/Treasurer