

April 19, 2022
Town of Tomah
Annual Meeting

Those Present: Kathy Flatoff, Vaughn Kuehl, Dick Baumgarten, Gene Baumgarten, Teresa Hubert, Breanne Zarembo, Al Bartels, Howard Hanson, Denny Duroc, Ted Lange, Ernie Thackeray, Betty Stoltenberg, and Val Holmes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Hanson.

The clerk's report was read. Al Bartels made a motion to accept the clerk's report. Teresa Hubert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's 2021 financial report was read. Dick Baumgarten made a motion to accept the 2021 financial report. Kathy Flatoff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bad Debt

There is no bad debt to report.

Resolution to borrow money on a short-term basis

Gene Baumgarten made a motion to allow the board to borrow money on a short-term basis if necessary. Val Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Road Report

Howard Hanson, Mark Cleaver, and Mike Randall checked roads on April 15, 2022. Howard feels the Town can only afford to seal coat approximately 1.9 miles of road. We will be replacing 2 box culverts on Hilton Rd this summer that will cost approximately \$34,000, Gerke Excavating will be working with the patrolmen to replace them.

Kathy Flatoff asked to have the ditch next to Heron Rd checked, whenever the road gets graded, the ditch fills with gravel and now her backyard is getting flooded when it rains. Howard added that to the list of work to be done by the patrolmen.

Capital Expenditures

The Town made a payment of \$25,000 on the loan with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. In the near future, the Town should look into replacing the steel roof on the main building.

Elected vs Appointed Clerk

Howard Hanson asked the town what they thought about appointing a clerk rather than electing one every 2 years. Elected officials must live in the town, appointed can live outside. A resolution would need to be created, and there would need to be a referendum on the November ballot this year. Some benefits of appointing a clerk is that the board can hire someone who is qualified to do the position, the clerk can be present at all elections (cannot currently be present when up for election). Opinion of the town residents was split down the middle. The board will look into it some more for now.

Set Date for 2023 Meeting

The 2023 annual meeting will be on Tuesday April 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Teresa Hubert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Val Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zarembo