

# ANNUAL MEETING

*Tuesday, April 18, 2023*

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Walston at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Also present were Supervisors Jeff Oliphant, Bruce Joanis and Treasurer Diane Eid, and Clerk Kimberly Campy. Attending via Zoom are Joan Matta and Richard Matta.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by *Mike Ollanketo* and second by *Marty Ollanketo* to approve the agenda with an amendment for Kathy Schutte to discuss the County Clean Sweep. Vote taken and motion carried.

Motion by *Nancy Swanson* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* to approve the 2022 annual minutes as presented. Vote taken and Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer's report moved to regular meeting.

**BUDGET REPORT:** Clerk Campy gave a brief report of the last 3 years of budget and informed the Town residents that if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact her by phone or email.

**ASHLAND COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP** - Kathy Schutte discussed Clean Sweep and donuts for drugs. WI Extension website will also tell you what can and cannot be taken for Clean Sweep.

**RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** The reconciliation committee met and reviewed the 2022 books before the Annual meeting and everything matched with bank statements. This review was done by Jennifer Stevens and Linda Zirngibl.

**BOARD SALARIES:** Motion by *Kathy Schutte* and second by *Nancy Erickson* to have the Board salaries remain the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

Motion by *Linda Zirngibl* and *Jennifer Stevens* to increase the Treasurer and Clerk salaries by \$50 starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Vote taken and motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE SALARIES:** Motion by *Kathy Schutte* and seconded by *Beverly Leppala* to have town salaries remain the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

**ELECTION BOARD** – Motion by *Bev Leppala* and *Kathy Schutte* that salaries for the election Board remain the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Kurt Blakeman, Service Director, gave a brief overview of the Marengo Ambulance Service. Kurt stated that there were approximately 24 calls in 2022. ARPA money came in April for \$12,195.11

Motion by *Beverly Leppala* and second by *Kathy Schutte* to have Ambulance Director and Service Director salaries remain the same. Vote taken and motion carried.

**ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR:** Motion by *Bev Leppala* and second by *Nancy Erickson* to allow the Fair Board to use the Town Hall during the winter months for their meetings at no charge. This will take the place of the \$100 donation the town usually gives to the fair. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN SERVICES/SNOWPLOWING:** Table until further meeting. Motion by *Kenneth Reas* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* to table until further notice or until numbers can be gathered. Vote taken and motion carried.

**MACHINE RENTAL/EQUIPMENT:** Jennifer Stevens discussed that Washburn has a machine that takes gravel out of the ditches. Ylitalo stated that the Town has this machine. Salt/Sand Shed is needed? A dump truck is the first priority, a specific truck is needed. It needs to go up in the hills and go long distances (Triaxle). 500 hp or more. Tandem – box is in really bad shape. \$28,000 for box; however, does not include labor. Possibly \$10,000 for labor from the County.

**TOWN BOARD SPENDING LIMIT:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Kathy Schutte* that Town Board spending limit be set at \$5,000. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN PUBLISHER:** Motion by *Bruce Joanis* and second by *Jennifer Stevens* that meeting agendas, legal notices and minutes are to be published in three (3) places: Recycling Center, Front of Town Hall, and Cemetery Board. Also, the paper that will be used when items need to be published will be the Ashland Press. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN BANK:** Motion by *Nancy Erickson* and second by *Kathy Schutte* to remain with Associated Bank in Ashland. Vote taken and motion carried.

**TOWN HALL USE:** The Town Hall can be rented, and contact should be made with Chairman Walston to setup this rental. Rental will be \$50/day, hall must be cleaned after each use. If cleaned, a deposit of \$25/day will be returned. Motion by *Nancy Erickson* and second by *Bev Leppala* to change the policy to reflect the \$50/day rental fee and \$25 return cleanup fee. Vote taken and motion carried.

**WEED COMMISSIONER:** The Town will not be appointing a weed commissioner at this time. Motion by *Nancy Swanson* and second by *Linda Zirngibl* to not appoint a weed commissioner. Vote taken and motion carried.

**BOARD OF REVIEW:** Open book set for Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8 and BOR on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> at 6-8 p.m. Nancy Swanson, alternate. Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and *Evie Luttinen* to have open book on the above dates.

**LICENSE FEE:** Motion by *Mike Ollanketo* and second by *Kathy Schutte* to maintain the current license fees. Vote taken and motion carried.

**WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Michael Ollanketo* to continue membership in the Wisconsin Towns Association. Vote taken and motion carried.

**CEMETERY LOT AND CARE:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Marty Ollanketo* to not sell lots at this time. However, once the Town does begin selling lots again, the Town will continue the policies that the fee for a non-resident taxpayer is \$600.00, and a resident is \$60.00 per grave. Vote taken and motion carried.

Jennifer Stevens has digital software where she has entered all cemetery lots and pictures. Missing approximately 30 lots. Would like to talk to town residents to get more information. Jennifer has entered 1,102 grave sites. Updated ordinance in January. Northline has been surveyed twice, once by township and once by current owner. Difference of about 2-3 feet. Current owner is requesting a commercial fence be installed. There are (2)two graves on this line.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dumpster Day will be held in 2024. Chairs in Townhall, what can be done with them.

**NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:** Next Annual Meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by *Jennifer Stevens* and second by *Marty Ollanketo* to adjourn. Vote taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

***Please note these are draft minutes and will not be approved until next annual meeting on April 16, 2024.***