

Township of Eau Pleine
Marathon County Wisconsin
Annual Town Meeting Minutes 5/19/2020

- I. The annual town meeting for the Town of Eau Pleine was called to order at 7:30 pm on May 19, 2020 by Chairman Mark Landwehr at the Eau Pleine Town Hall at 111630 Equity Street, Stratford, WI 54484
- II. Present were Chairman Mark Landwehr, Supervisor Mark Radke, Supervisor Kurt Schwarze, Clerk Deanna Landwehr, Treasurer Shirley Hein and 7 town residents and/or landowners. All attendees adhered to 6' social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- III. Pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance
- IV. The Clerk read the minutes from the 2019 annual town meeting. Motion/Second by Brian Forrest/Jim Lasee to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- V. 2019 annual financial report
 - a. All town residents were previously mailed a copy of the annual report
 - b. Some time was spent by attendees reviewing the annual report and a few questions were answered.
 - c. Motion/Second to dispense with reading the annual report by Brian Forrest/Tim Miller. Motion carried.
- VI. The Treasurer contacted EDP Renewables via Email today. As of now, there are no new updates as to the progress of the potential wind farm.
- VII. There was some discussion about the new wireless tower which has been constructed near Landwehr Repair on Equity St.
- VIII. The Chairman reported that the township will need to replace the bridge on Equity Street. The Town of Eau Pleine will need to cover 20% of the total estimated cost of \$500,000-\$600,000. This project is slated for the year 2024. Also, the large culvert on Equity Street will most likely be replaced in 2020 for which the Township will have to cover 50% of an estimated cost of \$60,000. The large 72" culvert on Galvin Ave. will be replaced with two 60" culverts in 2020. Our chloride budget for 2020 is roughly the same as in 2019. We try to cover 5 miles of road with one 4600-gallon load. The Chairman also reported on current plans for adding new gravel to the roads and there was some discussion amongst attendees regarding the poor condition of Highway 153.
- IX. Chairman asked for opinions about hiring a full-time road patrol person. This would need to be factored into the 2021 budget. Chairman read amounts paid by neighboring towns. Estimated budget increase needed for this would be approximately \$25,000. Most of those present voiced support for this change.
- X. Chairman reported that it was time to set the salaries for the town board for the next term beginning in April of 2021. Motion/Second by Tim Miller/Phil Hein to give the board an 8% increase to the current salaries. Motion carried.
- XI. Tim Miller introduced himself. He is running for 69th assembly district Republican nomination and is seeking signatures for his nomination papers. Phil Hein commented that it would be nice to have a state representative from the Town of Eau Pleine.
- XII. Mark Radke asked if attendees would support the purchase of a big screen TV to help share information at town meetings. Those in attendance offered support for this idea.
- XIII. Chairman reported that we are putting a new roof on the park shelter and that Mark Landwehr, Kurt Schwarze and Mark Radke are donating their labor for this project which is currently about half finished.

- XIV. There was some discussion about the Town of Eau Pleine possibly adopting the County ATV/UTV ordinance. No decision has been made at this time.
- XV. Phil Hein complimented the town board for doing a great job on the roads this past year and complimented the clerk on documenting the 2019 annual meeting in the minutes.
- XVI. Motion/Second by Brian Forrest/Jim Lasee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

These minutes recorded and filed in town records by:

Deanna Landwehr, Clerk