

Township of Eau Pleine
Marathon County Wisconsin
Annual Town Meeting Minutes 4/19/2022

- I. The annual town meeting for the Town of Eau Pleine was called to order at 7:45 pm on April 19, 2022 by Chairman Mark Landwehr at Country Aire Ballroom, 118600 County Road P, Stratford, WI 54484. The meeting time and location were changed from the Town Hall to Country Aire due to a fire which occurred at the Town Hall on April 12, 2022.
- II. Present were Chairman Mark Landwehr, Supervisor Mark Radke, Supervisor Kurt Schwarze, Clerk Deanna Landwehr, Treasurer Shirley Hein and 15 other town residents and/or landowners.
- III. Pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance
- IV. The Clerk read the minutes from the 2021 annual town meeting. Motion/Second by Alan Leffel/Brian Forrest to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- V. 2021 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 numerous questions were answered by the Clerk and the Chairman. There was a suggestion that we ask our Assessor for monthly reporting of his activities.
 - c. Motion/Second to dispense with reading the annual report by Brian Forrest/Larry Sternitzky. Motion carried.
- VI. The Treasurer read an email from EDP Renewables that stated that they continue to work with local utilities to find a buyer for the power which will be produced. They are targeting a late 2024 timeframe to begin construction of the wind farm.
- VII. The Chairman gave an update on the poor condition of Highway 153. The state is planning to replace many culverts on Highway 153 in 2022 and to repave the road in 2023.
- VIII. The Chairman gave an update on the Equity St. bridge project. Bids will be open starting January 10th, 2023 with construction to begin in spring of 2023. The town will need to purchase some additional right of way for the bridge which has an estimated cost of \$500,000 for which the town will be responsible for 20%. Marathon County is overseeing this project.
- IX. The Comprehensive Planning process is currently underway.
- X. The Treasurer gave a recycling report. There was various discussion regarding the garbage and recycling. Residents asked for signs to label the dumpsters so they don't always have to ask the attendant which is garbage and which is recycling. The Chairman reported that we have ordered some safety signs to put in the roadway during open hours. We are also looking into finding a different company to service our garbage and recycling needs due to some issues with the current one. There was also some discussion regarding renovations to the recycling center planned for this summer.
- XI. The Chairman reported that Marathon County is diligently working to improve broadband services for rural communities.
- XII. The Chairman reported that additional granite is planned for this spring for Rock Rd, Stadt Ave, Eau Pleine Rd, Beauville Ln and March Rapids Ave. There was a question regarding speed limits on gravel roads. The speed limit is 55 mph. There was a question as to whether town residents could get granite from the town's supplier at the town's rate. The Chairman said we will ask whoever has the winning bid at the May town board meeting.
- XIII. Some in attendance said they would like the town to have a website. Don Kerper volunteered to make a cost estimate for this.
- XIV. The planned date for the upcoming caucus will be 1/3/2023. Brian Forrest will be the Chair for the caucus.
- XV. After some discussion regarding Town Board salaries, there was a Motion/Second by Don Kerper/Larry Sternitzky to increase the salaries for the upcoming term for the Town Chair and Town Supervisors by 5% and increase the salaries for the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer by 10%. Motion carried.
- XVI. Motion/Second by Brian Forrest/Larry Sternitzky to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

These minutes recorded and filed in town records by:

Deanna Landwehr, Clerk

Attendance Roster:

- Mark Landwehr
- Shirley Hein
- Mark Radke
- Deanna Landwehr
- Kurt Schwarze
- Rick Roggenbauer
- Jeff Landwehr
- Al Leffel
- Rick Sisco
- Benny Knoll
- Roger Hein
- Ron Hein
- Susan Landwehr
- Don Kerper
- Brian Forrest
- Ginny Forrest
- Larry Sternitzky
- Jim LaSee
- Milt Ryba
- Joel Tomlinson