

ANNUAL MEETING – April 13, 2010 – 7:00 pm

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 23 in attendance (not including Board/Treasurer/Clerk)
– 3 Non-Residents – including Town Attorney, Robert Sorenson.

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Curns, Chairman – Present; Michael Wundrock, Supervisor 1 – Present; Neil Freeman, Supervisor 2 – Present; Brenda Grove, Treasurer – Present; Jeannette Zielinski, Clerk – Present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 14, 2009 Annual Meeting were approved with a motion by Lee Shaw. Second to the motion was made by Walter Heise. Aye-All Present (25). Motion carried.

2009 Annual Financial Report was read by Clerk Zielinski, and questions were answered. Motion was made by Lyle Brumm to approve the 2009 Annual Financial Report. Second to the motion was made by Lee Shaw. Aye-All Present (25). Motion carried.

Old Business: Chairman Curns followed up on a question from Lyle Brumm regarding any additional federal stimulus funds, or just additional funds, in general; and advised that currently, there are no local funds available. The Board advised that the Town will receive funds from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) after the Tank Road project is completed and after all appropriate paperwork is completed and turned in.

New Business:

(a)2010 Elections: Clerk Zielinski advised that there are two more Elections this year, September 14th Primary and November 2nd Election. Clerk Zielinski expressed disappointment and frustration at voter turnout – 20 people voted at the February Primary (at a cost of around \$1,200.00) and 165 at the April 6th Election. The Town has almost 1700 registered voters! Any questions regarding Voting and Elections, please contact Clerk Zielinski at 982-9890.

(b)Recycling-Waupaca County PTF Programs Available: Clerk Zielinski advised that Waupaca County Processing & Transfer Facility (Manawa) has many programs coming up where residents can safely and properly dispose of unwanted items. The Tire Round-up is held from May 1st – 14th; Medication Collection on several dates/locations; Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep which runs May thru October (Flyers are available at the Town Hall, County Courthouse and City of New London). Due to the new e-cycling law, electronics are also accepted at the PTF for a nominal charge.

(c)Trail Survey Follow-up: Supervisor Wundrock reviewed the results (as of March 31st) with all present, basically, public opinion was overwhelmingly not in favor of this type of project at this time. Majority felt that the Board needs to focus on the main priority – keeping Town roads in good repair. The Board thanks those who returned the survey for their time. (Survey results available at the Town Hall)

(d)Wolf River Sturgeon Trail: Lyle Brumm-Bean City Road asked who had ownership of the Sturgeon Trail. Board explained that the “trail” was on a 20-year lease to Waupaca County Parks, who is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. It was also mentioned that this same type of arrangement was made regarding Shaw’s Landing, Waupaca County Parks obtained a grant to help with the repairs, and they again do upkeep and maintenance.

(e)Town of Mukwa Plan Commission: Plan Commission Chairman, Lee Shaw wanted to recognize all Plan Commission members: Lyle Cherney, Vice-Chair, Cathy Stern, Recording Secretary, Neil Freeman, Matt Manske, Kate Hoffman, Bill Schmidt and Paul Hanlon (Town Building Inspector), Ex-Oficio and thank them for their hard work throughout the year. Chairman Shaw advised that members are currently working on several items. One, working with Waupaca County Zoning to review the Town’s Zoning map in preparation of the County’s Revised Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing and final adoption. Also the Plan Commission has spoken with several Town Business Owners regarding zoning classification of their properties. The Plan Commission continues to work with Jeff Sanders, Community Planning & Consulting (formerly with Omni Associates) regarding his proposal to write a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the Town, at no cost to the Town. Acknowledging that trails are not important or possible at the moment, however, municipalities must have a plan in place in order to acquire federal/state funds in the future. Chairman Shaw also advised that Members are working on an addendum to the Town’s Land Division/Subdivision Ordinance regarding the new Prevailing Wage Law, as well as working with Steve Wieckert regarding his request to open a sand pit off of Beckert Road, with final plan of turning the property into a subdivision once the natural materials are removed. As a reminder, all Plan Commission Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

(f)Larry Road: Alice Behnke-Larry Road focused on two issues. Her first question was in regards to the Board going to a five-person Board. As our population is now well over 2,500, the Mukwa Board can at any time vote to become a five-person Board. This issued was discussed by those present. Several residents commented on the money aspect, the Town really doesn’t have additional funds for two more Supervisors – it was mentioned that current Supervisors/Chair could split what they earn. Mr. Behnke commented that this would be justified as the work load would be divvied up more --- the Board agreed that current work load is more than manageable and did not feel that would be enough justification for adding two more supervisors. Barb Blank reminded that this issue has been brought up in the past at a previous Annual Meeting (2002 Annual Meeting – would need 109 people to vote on this issue). Tim Olson voiced the concern that this would be a good idea as long as terms are staggered; it would not be in the Town’s best interest to have all new Board members at one time. This would be the only way to handle this, but it would greatly increase the Town’s costs for Elections-the Town pays more for Elections in which members are on the ballot. Chairman Curns took an informal poll by asking: “How many present think a five-person Board is a good idea?” (5) “How many think it is not a good idea?” (13) Mrs. Behnke’s second concern was in regard to traffic and posted weight limits on Larry Road. Tim Olson-Wood View Subdivision (off of Larry Rd) read a letter stating his concerns regarding increased truck traffic on Larry Road, as he initially moved there because it was a low traffic volume area. Mr. Olson voiced his frustration that so many commercial-type vehicles have been improperly using Larry Road. The Town must issue permits to any vehicle over 15-ton who wish to use this road (currently only 3 have been issued). Clerk Zielinski advised she would contact the State Patrol officer working in this area regarding these issues. Mr. Olson also asked the Average Daily Traffic on Larry

Road. This information was available in the speed and road study completed by engineers from Omni Associates last year – ADT from September, 2009 was between 550 and 580 vehicles per day. Several other Town Residents stated that they also have increased traffic and are unable to safely walk or ride bikes on their roads. Mr. & Mrs. Behnke referred back to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and asked why the recommended truck routes were not being used. (The Town’s Comprehensive Plan basically states that Hwy 54 and County Trunk Highways are the preferable thru-truck routes. This plan was completed before Cty Trk W and Cty Trk D as well as other Cty Highways were posted as Class B.) Again, Mr. & Mrs. Behnke stated that their main concern was for the safety of everyone. Discussion turned to the fact that the problems on Larry Road are compounded by the fact that Cty Trk O is posted as a Class “B” Highway and this basically “funnels” that traffic onto Town Roads, especially Larry Road. The fact that “O” was posted was not known by everyone and did help to explain the increase in traffic. Wayne Poppy, Poppy Plumbing and Greg Wood, Wood Excavating voiced their frustration that they were both losing money because of these road issues. Both business owners have had customers stopped by law enforcement, which has turned some of their customers away. Chairman Curns asked for a vote regarding this issue: “Should the Town write a letter to the County Board of Supervisors to express concern regarding the posting of County Trunk O and the consequences of increased truck traffic on Town roads.” (21 residents agreed the weight limit should be removed) Chairman Curns will write the letter to be mailed. Mike Popke-Ferry Street stated that milk trucks have been using Ferry Street as a cut-through to County Trunk X also – this has been on-going for several months as well.

Any Other New Business: Lynn Graichen, Graichen Sanitation (the Town’s Recycling Hauler) was present and advised that Graichen has switched to single-stream recycling. Mr. Graichen advised that this is the easiest option for residents, as all accepted recyclables will now be able to be placed into one container - #1 & #2 plastics, tin, glass, aluminum, paper & cardboard. Mr. Graichen again emphasized that recyclables cannot be accepted if tied in a plastic bag – place them in any “open” container. Please contact Graichen Sanitation or Clerk Zielinski with any recycling question.

Motion was made by Lee Shaw to set the 2011 Annual Meeting for April 12th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall. Second to the motion was made by Walter Heise. Aye-All Present (25). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Handschke. Second to the motion was made by Matt Manske at 8:29 p.m. Aye-All Present (25). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Minutes posted in the three designated places on April 23, 2010. I, Jeannette Zielinski, Mukwa Municipal Clerk do hereby certify to the posting of said Annual Minutes.

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk