

ANNUAL MEETING – April 12, 2011 – 7:00 pm

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 16 in attendance (not including Board/Treasurer/Clerk)
– 2 Non-Residents – including Town Attorney, Robert Sorenson.

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 13, 2010 Annual Meeting were approved with a motion by Lyle Brumm. Second to the motion was made by Bob Flease. Hand Count: Aye (15) No (0). Motion carried.

2010 Annual Financial Report was read by Clerk Zielinski, and questions were answered. Motion was made by Walter Heise to approve and accept the 2010 Annual Financial Report. Second to the motion was made by Kate Hoffman. Hand Count: Aye (15) No (0). Motion carried.

Old Business: (a)Chairman Curns followed up on a question from Cathy Stern regarding the motion made at the 2010 meeting – “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.” Chairman Curns advised that a letter was sent to all 27 County Board Members and that a couple personally wrote back to the Town, with an official letter from the County being received in the Clerk’s office. The Board was invited to discuss the issue, but at that meeting, the County Highway Department explained the roads were just resurfaced, not reconstructed and were not able to handle the weight. There has been no further discussion on this subject.

(b)Town of Mukwa Plan Commission: Plan Commission Chairman, Lee Shaw wanted to recognize all Plan Commission members: Matt Manske, Vice-Chair, Cathy Stern, Recording Secretary, Neil Freeman, Lyle Cherney, 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 spent most of the year working on the Waupaca County Zoning Map and taking the time to touch base with Town Businesses to ensure that they were placed in the correct classification before the final map was turned over to the County. By doing it at this time those property owners were able to save the money that would be charged by Zoning to have a hearing. As a reminder, all Plan Commission Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. They are normally held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. held at the Mukwa Town Hall. County Supervisor Bob Flease advised that Dave Rosenfeldt, Waupaca County Zoning Administrator retired this year, and that the County is looking for a Planner to replace him.

New Business:

(a)Snowplow Emergency: Chairman Curns wanted to publicly thank the residents who helped us during the last bad snowstorm as we, and the County had equipment failure. Chairman Curns called friends with plows to see if they would be able to plow Town roads – Wayne Poppy, Greg Wood, John Rowl and Dennis Herzfeldt. These residents helped us out in a pinch! Clerk Zielinski had contacted the Wisconsin Town’s Association attorneys after finding out what happened, to see if this was even legal – it was not. The Town Chairman does not have the authority to do this unless a written policy (Ordinance) has been put in place by the Board. Town Attorney Sorenson will draft a policy for the Town to adopt.

(b)Shared Revenue Cuts: Clerk Zielinski and Chairman Curns advised that everyone should be prepared for and expect severe cuts to the Municipal Aid Program (State Shared Revenue) – it has been steadily decreasing each year, but we will experience a large cut when the state budget gets passed. Examples were given: In 2007 we received \$71,050; 2008 - \$71,042; 2008 - \$71,042; 2009 - \$71,039; 2010 - \$60,477; 2011 - \$60,466 – the estimated payment for 2012 drops to \$38,021. Due to these cuts, everyone will have to “tighten” their “belts”; probably will not be able to do any major road work for awhile.

(c)Weather: Clerk Zielinski advised that with all the crazy weather lately, and the fact that most of us do not live near a weather siren, that residents should consider purchasing a weather radio. It is Severe Weather Awareness Week and there are sales at local retailers. These are also available through Waupaca County Emergency Management.

(d)Culvert Issues: Ebert Road is currently closed until the culvert can be fixed-the road is impassable. This area is in a wetland (DNR issues) and cannot be addressed until the water subsides-may be up to a month. The other culvert that failed is on Bean City Road near Manske Road; rain flushed out the gravel, left a big hole, decision to barricade. Should be fixed this week.

(e)2010 Road Work: Chairman Curns mentioned that Tank Road and Broadway Street from Weyauwega Road to Highway 54 were the main 2010 projects. The remainder of Broadway Street had been redone within the past ten years. Tom Handschke commented on the snowplowing on Bean City Road – Waupaca County Highway Department plowed this road for the 2010/2011 season and Mr. Handschke felt that they did an excellent job, no gravel in the ditches and the turf did not get torn up, usually done in a timely manner. Mr. Handschke made a motion to have a study done to see how much it would cost for the County to plow more of the Town as we cannot afford to buy new equipment, and our equipment is getting old. Second to the motion was made by Lloyd Stern. Hand count: Aye (10) Opposed (4). Motion carried. Lloyd Stern is fine with a study, but has many concerns about the past when the County did our plowing and it seemed like the snow storms were bigger at that time – sometimes not able to get out for three days. Chairman Curns explained that this issue and concerns have been thought about by the Town Board, but we need to wait to do an accurate study until all final bills for this plowing season are received. Chairman Curns went on to explain that we do have our small trucks and building-we are best able to deal with dead end roads and subdivision cul-de-sacs. Mr. Handschke agreed that we should keep the small trucks to do odd & ends, patching and dead end roads, etc. County Supervisor, Bob Flease mentioned that the County did all of the Town of Caledonia (Caledonia is comparable as it has just four miles less than Mukwa) and the total cost for 2010 was \$65,341.32, which included seal coating, patching, mowing, ditching, as well as snow removal. It was mentioned that Caledonia did also hire out plowing of dead-ends and subdivisions.

Motion was made by Tom Handschke to set the 2012 Annual Meeting for April 10th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall. Second to the motion was made by Cathy Stern. Aye (15) No (0). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Flease. Second to the motion was made by Walter Heise at 7:51 p.m. Aye (15) No (0). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Minutes posted in the three designated places on April 18, 2011. I, Jeannette Zielinski, Mukwa Municipal Clerk do hereby certify to the posting of said Annual Minutes.

Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk