

ANNUAL MEETING – April 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Mukwa Town Hall, E8514 Weyauwega Rd., Northport 42 in attendance (including Board/Treasurer/Clerk)
– 4 Non-Residents – including Town Attorney, Robert Sorenson & Jessica Beckendorf, UW Extension Community Development Educator

Chairman Curns called the meeting to order.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Annual Meeting: A Motion to accept & approve the April 22, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Jim Massonet with a second to the motion made by Mike Wundrock.

Aye (38) No (0) Motion carried.

2014 Annual Financial Report: Reviewed by Clerk Zielinski, and questions were answered. Motion was made by Art Malouf to approve and accept the 2014 Annual Financial Report. Second to the motion was made by David Miles.

Aye (38) No (0). Motion carried.

Old Business: Art Malouf mentioned a concern that he brought up several years ago regarding the Town increasing the setback for the Eddie Spitzer property. Brief discussion. Advised that part of this property has already been sold.

Chairman Curns asked if there were any other additions to the Agenda-Old Business: None

New Business:

(a)Paying for Town Road Repairs/Maintenance: Chairman Curns introduced Jessica Beckendorf, the new UW Extension Community Development Educator who replaced Mike Koles, as he took the position of Executive Director of the Wisconsin Town's Association. Jessica was asked by the Town Board to help facilitate this meeting; to guide the process of getting input from those present and to listen to all ideas, get the information and sort it all out. The Board had copies of the Town Roads Assessment available showing the road ratings – verified that at this time the Town has 7.32 miles rated a 4 and below (on a scale of 1 to 10 – 1 being worst & 10 best) on the north side and 6.77 miles on the south side of Town. The Town has 42.03 miles of roads. Discussed that in general, the cost to repair about one-half mile of road is around \$100,000.00 (14.09 miles x \$100,000 = \$1,409,000) – just to do the worst roads. Chairman Curns discussed that the Town should be paving around 1 ½ miles per year to keep roads from totally falling apart. Goal would be to get into that cycle after the 14.09 miles have been taken care of. Further discussion that not all roads need to be constructed at the same level (i.e. – dead end roads, low traffic volume roads, etc.) and that, in general roads should last an average of 30 to 40 years. Main problems for all Wisconsin Town's are that the price of asphalt has doubled over the past ten years and that tax levies have been frozen and set by the Department of Revenue.

Ms. Beckendorf started her presentation by asking questions of those present:

1. Goals of the Town to Obtain Input: Community-wide issues, roads & to help make future plans for other things.
2. Good Things: Representation at meeting – people care about the future; diverse rural setting consisting of small businesses, residential & farms; good schools – early childhood & special needs; the Wolf & Little Wolf Rivers – hunting, fishing, camping & recreation; the Land Use Bill that now allows owners of the three (3) non-commercial airports to obtain insurance allowing better use of property
3. Challenges: Roads; ability to keep living here affordable; declining infrastructure; Waupaca County additional .5% sales tax – making it hard to be competitive with surrounding communities; diversity of incomes; speeders; avoiding bikers & joggers
4. Possible Solutions: Tax structure designated for road work; lower speed limits; stricter road weight limits; communication with County, State, Lawmakers; grant writing for trails/bikes/roads; larger Town Board since community can support this – more diversity with a five (5) person Board.

Joe Marquardt, School District of New London, Director of Business Services and Town of Mukwa resident presented information obtained from the WISTAX website stating that currently Mukwa has the lowest levy rate in the County at 99 cents per \$1,000, compared with, Lebanon at \$2.52, Royalton at \$1.43 and Caledonia at \$1.80. The Board reiterated that the Town has always worked with the minimal amount and would prefer not to borrow or bond.

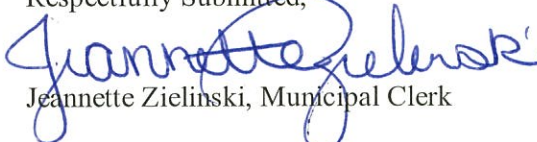
The Board and Town Attorney advised that no decisions are allowed to be made at the Annual Meeting & the Board asked those present when & where a Special Meeting should be held. Clerk Zielinski advised that all necessary paperwork should be available by the middle of October. Agreed that Wednesday's usually are less busy during the school year and that October 21st or 28th might be best and discussed that this meeting should be held at the High School or Bean City to accommodate everyone. Clerk Zielinski will follow-up with both and let the Board know. Correspondence will be sent to all residents advising of date & location for the Special Meeting of the Electors.

Chairman Curns asked if there were any other additions to the Agenda- Any Other New Business: None


Motion was made by Mike Wundrock to set the 2016 Annual Meeting for April 19th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mukwa Town Hall. Second to the motion was made by Art Malouf. Aye (38) No (0). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the 2015 Annual Meeting was made by Joe Marquardt at 9:28 p.m.. Second to the motion was made by Greg Wood. Aye (38) No (0). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk

Minutes posted in the three designated places on April 30, 2015. I, Jeannette Zielinski, Mukwa Municipal Clerk do hereby certify to the posting of said Annual Minutes.


Jeannette Zielinski, Municipal Clerk