

2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Rick Christel called the 2020 Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020. The meeting opened with 10 attendees reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: With a correction of the new date of the Annual meeting being the year 2021 instead of 2020 as printed, Dick Griem made a motion to approve the agenda with a 2nd by Mark Litz. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING: The 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were read by Clerk Paulette Vogt. Deb Griem made a motion to accept the minutes with a 2nd by Dick Griem. Motion carried.

SET DATE/TIME 2021 ANNUAL MEETING: Mark Litz made a motion to keep the Annual Meeting date and start time to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2020 with a 2nd by Curt Green. Motion carried.

TOWN CHAIRMAN REPORT: Chairman Rick Christel introduced the Town Board members that were present. Jim Lax, Supervisor 1, Lewis Schema, Supervisor 2, Pam Schneider, Treasurer, and Paulette Vogt, Clerk. Also introduced was Craig Zipperer, Road Superintendent, Curt Green, Constable, recycling center employees, and acknowledged poll workers, and land use committee members. Chairman Christel also acknowledged that Paul Hermes is our Building Inspector.

Completed projects for 2020 included the buying of a ½ ton Chevrolet 4 wheel drive pick-up truck for the town.

Ordered a 2020 Peterbilt Plow Truck because the frame on the old International truck was broke and not road worthy nor feasible to fix. This old truck will be kept as a spare as it has no value. The new truck will be inspected on June 12, 2020 and delivered to Truck Equipment for installation of the box and plow. The Town has borrowed the money for this truck from Commissioners of Public Lands. The first application for this loan was rescinded as the Commissioners of Public Lands stated that interest rate of 3.25% had gone down. The new loan rate is now at 2.75% and it is for 8 years.

Completed road projects for 2019 including wedging and chip sealing, as well as center striping about 10 miles of the town roads. Culverts are starting to be a problem and some of these were replaced with more to be replaced in 2020. ATV's are now allowed on the Town Roads. Chairman Christel stated that a new shed for the recycling center is being built by Road Superintendent Craig Zipperer and is almost done. This shed is not going to be as expensive as it could be as Craig is doing the work himself.

Building permits for 2019 total \$887,882.00 which is down from last year. Pick-up truck was a "0" balance as we just bought the new pick-up truck, The Road Maintenance account has a \$25,378.61 balance, the Road Equipment has a \$10,000 balance, and the Dog Fund has a \$1,025.56 balance.

ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT AND 1ST RESPONDERS: Mike Kaufmann reported a total of 124 calls for 2019 of which included 21 were in the Town of Eaton. They had a successful 2020 annual fish boil which was held at the forefront of the pandemic. They increased to 4 drive thru lanes which alleviated inside contacts. Currently they have 6 members on the roster.

Fire Chief Mike Kaufmann reported a total of 163 calls for 2019 of which 7 in the Town of Eaton were paged for fire calls and 16 in the Town of Eaton were paged for EMS Assistance. They received \$12,000 from the Ant Hill Mob and used the money to purchase a stand-by generator for the station to help

operate in the event of a power outage. The remaining money from the Mob was put toward the purchase of a Hurst battery operated Combi Tool. Last summer they started doing a dual dispatch with Valders Fire to speed up response times to better serve the community. The Fire Department has 30 members at the present time. Mike also stated that it is now safe to burn in the Town of Eaton and burning permits can be issued at this time.

VALDERS AMBULANCE: No representation. Supervisor Lax is the Town of Eaton representative for the Valders Ambulance meetings. Valders Ambulance rates will be going up an additional \$2.00 per individual of the Town. The amount was \$21.00 per person and is now going to be \$23.00 per person.

COLLINS FIRE DEPARTMENT: No representation.

MANITOWOC COUNTY SUPERVISOR: Catherine Wagner said she would try to come but there also was a County Board Meeting the same night.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No representation. The open book and Board of Review had a quiet year. No one showed. The Board was trained this year to be certified for the Board of Review. This certification has to be done by the Board every two years.

REVIEW ANNUAL REPORT: No issues were addressed about the annual report but that it was nice to have it in booklet form. This booklet form for each address in the Town of Eaton will be continued for the next year.

PROPOSED ROAD WORK: Road projects were addressed from the road inspection report with Chairman Christel, Supervisors Lax and Schema, and Road Superintendent Zipperer. Supervisor Lax reported that Hwy C to Baer Road (using the help of our TRIP money from the state) would be worked on, as well as Greendale Road from Baer Road to Carstens Lake Road, and Church Road from Glen Flora to Greendale Road. It was stated that the Town would like to do more but the budget just can't handle the high costs.

QUESTIONS REGARDING RECYCLING CENTER: Deb Griem thanked the Board for getting a smaller dumpster so that she can get her recycling in easier. The attendees at the recycling center will not be asking residents to sign in anymore for the safety of the Covid-19 virus.

ANNUAL REPORT: As stated above, the people of the Town are liking the annual report booklet mailed to them and this will continue.

PUBLIC INPUT: It was stated that the new road signs look nice. Superintendent Zipperer said that he is almost done with putting them up. Mark Litz stated that small trees are starting to grow in the ditches and should be cut. The Town is getting its sprayer fixed and Craig Zipperer will be taking care of said trees.

ADJOURNMENT: Dick Griem made a motion to adjourn and Mark Litz 2nd said motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Paulette Vogt, Clerk