

Annual Town Meeting-April 15, 2014 – 7 PM (31 people were in attendance)

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Lake Tomahawk was called to order by Chairman Rick Mazurczak at 7 PM in the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center.

All notices were posted according to the open meeting law and the media was notified.

Present: Chairman Rick Mazurczak, Supervisor Catherine Parker, Treas. Mike Lynch, Clerk Elaine Carpenter, Attorney Greg Harrold, and Accountant Rich Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Rick Mazurczak.

Motion was made by Bev Fagan and seconded by Bob Williams to approve the agenda for the April 15, 2014 Annual Town meeting. Motion carried all Ayes.

Motion by Pat Christy and seconded by Doris Vyvyn to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 16, 2013. Motion carried all Ayes.

Chairman-Supervisor report- Chairman Mazurczak expressed his gratitude to the volunteer fire department for their time and talent and services. He also thanked members of the Planning Commission, Parks Commission, Website Committee, Sanitary Board, and the Committee for the Centennial. In 2013 the Town purchased a new range for the kitchen and replaced the doors under the stage and also stained the outside of the Community Center. New fire numbers were replaced for the Town at a cost of \$7700. The fees for the Sloan Center were adjusted and a safety inspector was hired to assure that safety regulations were being met. The employee handbook was revised. Resolution to oppose the mining ordinance was adopted and an agreement with the Red Cross to use the Community Center as a shelter in case of an emergency was signed. Jeff Smith was appointed to the Sanitary Board and Sue Marciniak was appointed as chairman of the Sanitary Board. A lead position was appointed for the Information Center and Joan Krueger will be the Chamber Of Commerce Liaison for the Town of Lake Tomahawk.

Financial state for the year 2013-Rich Anderson reported that the Town came in slightly under budget for the year 2013. Income from taxes was \$2,150,468.26 of which \$1,439,386.64 was paid out in taxes to the Schools, Nicolet College, Horsehead Lake, State, County, and Sanitary District. This left a total of \$711,081.62 as the Town's share. The total budget for 2013 was \$715,897.00. The net ordinary income for the Town was 158,428.52 and \$23,000 budgeted which left \$135,428.52. Total allocated funds for future use were \$23,000 which will be brought forward to 2014. The net income after allocation is \$135,428.52.

Road Department report-Greg Kuckkahn, Road Superintendent reported that the engine intercooler was replaced in truck number 2, and they removed the wing from the grader. 2500 pounds of cold patch was used patching roads. There are approximately 600 yards of salt sand left. All Safety training sessions have been attended by the Road Department.

Wilderness Rest Cemetery report-Catherine Parker reported that the Cemetery committee met four times in 2013. The Town Sexton had five burials. There was one new board member appointed and there is still one member needed.

Fire Department report-Doug Rehm reported there were 23 calls for service for 2013. There were two fires in Town. There were also 4 car accidents and one fuel spill for which Doug called in Hasmat. He also reported on the condition of the fire engine and the eventual need for it to be replaced.

Parks Commission report-Darlene Neumann reported that Pat Wingo resigned as Chairman of the Park Commission and that she was acting as their Chairman until a new Chairman is appointed. Darlene reported that Bob Williams would be retiring at the end of the summer season. Discussion was held regarding the employment of a new parks worker and the possibility of that worker also working in the road Department during the winter season. This discussion resulted from the amount of unemployment being spent on the parks worker, which is the largest part of the parks budget. This matter will be discussed further at future town board meetings. Darlene also reported that Tom Helig has been working on a grant for handicapped accessible ramps and toilets at the boat landing.

Plan Commission-Steve Forrest reported that the Commission reviewed the Heron subdivision Meyers subdivision and the Captain Hooks transition. They have also been working on the hotel feasibility study.

Any other business which may come before the Annual Meeting under WI Stats 60.10 and 60. 11-Gary Madden suggested that seven years was too long to serve on a Commission. He questioned whether a Committee would be more beneficial. A lengthy discussion took place on the pros and cons of this action. Attorney Greg Harrold stated that the seven year term can be removed for cause which doesn't happen very often. He stated the only way it can be removed is at the Town Annual Meeting. Motion by Gary Madden and Seconded by Kevin Krueger to Eliminate the Parks Commission as it stands right now. Further discussion took place and several citizens felt This would take more consideration and they weren't prepared for this decision. A written ballot was requested. Ballots were passed out to all citizens. The final vote was 12 Ayes and 14 Nays. Motion denied.

Kim Baltis from the Chamber of Commerce announced that she was pleased to represent the Town of Lake Tomahawk and reported that articles would be in "Experience Wisconsin" magazine and the "Destination Guide".

Kevin Krueger made a request that the Park Commission work together with the Town Board to make it possible for the new park worker to work with the road crew also.

Rebecca Morien questioned why the Town was over budget on the Deputy Clerk's salary. She felt that it would be better to have an appointed clerk rather than an elected clerk. Catherine Parker stated that an appointed clerk would be an employee of the Town Board where an elected clerk is their own independent entity. Chairman Mazurczak stated that the duties of the clerk are varied and it usually takes two years for the clerk to be knowledgeable of the various duties. Steve Forrest stated that he could not understand why anyone would want to give up the privilege of voting. No action was taken.

Motion by Virginia Steuber and seconded by Dick Rehm to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 9:07 PM. Motion carried all Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Carpenter, Clerk