

The Lake Tomahawk Town Board held their Annual Town Meeting on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Gym of the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center for the purpose of conducting business in accordance with Wisconsin Stats. 60.10 and 60.11. There were 17 people in attendance.

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

Present: Chairman George DeMet, Supervisors Catherine Parker and Matthew Michalsen, Treasurer Mike Lynch, Clerk Nancy Schneider and Accountant Jocelyn Seeliger.

Chairman DeMet read the Agenda of the Annual Town Meeting of April 19, 2016 and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Chairman DeMet then led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve the Agenda: Motion by Bob Williams, seconded by Tom Heilig, to approve the Agenda as read by the Chairman. Motion carried, all ayes.

Approval of the annual Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015: Patricia Christy made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 and asked that they be approved. Motion seconded by Darlene Newman. Motion carried, all ayes.

Chairman/Supervisor Report: Chairman DeMet said what he did was go through the Minutes of the last 12 months, January through December 2015, and picked out the high lights of what happened each month. Chairman DeMet's report is attached.

Road Department Report: Greg Kuckkahn, Road Superintendent reported Paving Projects on North Bluebird Road 1.01 Miles which included hot mix asphalt and gravel for shouldering for a cost of \$101,439.40. On Hideout lane the total cost for .44 mile was \$49,138.72 for asphalt and gravel.

Single chip seal road projects: Fox Rd 1.19 miles, Pigeon Road .16 mile and Wolf Road, 1.06 miles for a total cost of \$47,063.25.

Road Crack Seal Project: Camp 21 Road, .40 mile; Wolf Road 1.06 Miles; Alva Lake Road .53 Mile; Beaver Lake Road .30 mile; Fawn Lake Road 1.22 Miles and Finch Road. 23 Miles. The total miles were 3.76 for these 6 roads for a total cost of \$21,780.00.

Gravel hauled by the Town: North Bluebird – 2,570 cubic yards; Hideout Lane – 634 cubic yards; Big Buck Road – 1054 cubic yards. Total gravel shouldering and other road repairs – 1,377 cubic yards. Total gravel hauled by the Town – 5,585 cubic yards. Total cold patch used – 7.70 tons. Total salt sand used – 936 cubic yards.

Wilderness Rest Cemetery Report: Supervisor Parker indicated that she is now serving as the Chair on the Cemetery Board and there is a vacancy for anyone interested. Supervisor Parker's 2016 Report is attached.

Fire Department Report: Chief Doug Rehm reported that for the year 2015 the department responded to 22 calls for service, 5 of which were mutual aid to other departments and 4 car accidents. They installed 4 remote door openers on the station which was paid out of department funds for \$600.00.

The equipment truck was replaced due to engine problems for \$34,168.50 which was paid out of equipment savings so there was no added cost to taxpayers. The old truck was sold for \$250.00. All members were recertified in AED, CPR and first aid. They handled traffic control and fireworks for the 4th of July. They assisted the Parks Dept. with their program, "Dig, Dump & Drive" which seemed to go over very well. They also participated in a large scale MABAS exercise involving all county depts., DNR and Sheriff's Dept.

Parks Commission: Tom Heilig said that after looking at the minutes from last year, he talked too much and he will try and keep it down. The big thing that they did last year was to create a seasonal part-time position for a parks employee. This worked out great and for us, it saved \$4,500 unemployment compensation that was paid out in 2014. In 2015 that amount was zero. This position starts in April and runs through September. As a little more information, Seasonal Part Time is defined as 6 months or 1,200 hours. Last year we ran out of time before we ran out of money. Where that shows up is August to October. Last year Chris was really struggling trying to get 3 days of work in a week. At the same time, in a given year, we need more help at the end of the season. Tom talked to the Oneida County Human Resources and we have a couple of ideas how to get around this. If you look at the budget, wages were down \$2,400, but contracted services were up and this is due to the end of the Season work. Tom felt that they may be able to get around that this year and there may not be any contracted services at all.

This year we ran an ad in the Lakeland Times for three weeks to replace that position. We had nine responses and we hired a person who we think is a good candidate and he will start next Tuesday.

The town fishing pier: This has been like an elephant having a baby, I have been struggling with this for 4 years, with grants and paper work. By the end of the month, the fishing pier will be in, the concrete flooring in and there is a portable toilet that's coming down there. We also are adding two additional handicapped parking places to go with it. Hopefully we will have a grand opening sometime in May. George wants a big scissor to have a ribbon cutting ceremony. We spent all the money that was budgeted and have already got half of it back from Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company. The remainder of the money will come from the DNR. I really can't send anything in yet until everything is completed. If there is any additional charges, we may be able to bump the DNR up as they did talk about additional costs.

Snow Shoe Park: Last year we got a couple of loads of sand that the road crew guys brought in. Greg negotiated a really good price on that. We put new swings out and took them down for the winter. We took them down in the fall as the kids were flipping them over and that becomes a hazard as the swings are not swinging as they should.

Bare Foot Park: Last fall we took down the little kids' set that was there and did some repair work on it. When Chris took it down, he said that all of the posts that were in the ground were starting to rot. We plan on adding a new piece of playground equipment this year and one of the places may be Bare Foot Park.

Summer Kids Program: Darlene Neumann has been in charge of the Summer Kids' Program and every year it gets better. Last year we had Dig, Dump and Drive during the week and we had such a good response that we plan on holding it on a weekend this summer. One of the hot things this year is that we will have a blacksmith there who will make rings for the kids. For the Dig, Dump and Drive we are really excited to have a helicopter this year and this should bring in a lot more people especially on a weekend.

Christmas Tree Lighting last year, if you actually look at our expenses, we spent about \$55.00. I don't think you can get a better bang for your buck. We got three donations from people who donated ornaments and things. It's not the most flashy, but it's a local town thing and I have had people come up to me and say they came to this as a kid and it's still great.

The acts of vandalism comes up on a regular basis if you are talking to a parks person or parks maintenance people. We get very little. There was a little writing on the slide in Snow Shoe Park and there was some writing on the picnic table, but that was late in the year. On the plus side we were able to keep the bathrooms at Snow Shoe open from June, probably to mid-September. We never closed them; we never locked them. There was no vandalism, nothing broken, no cracked toilets, etc. As long as we can do that, we can keep the toilets open.

The only other vandalism thing, it's pretty obvious we have a problem with geese on our lake front. We have geese for most of the year and we have been looking at different options. We got two big plastic swans, about 3 feet tall. We put them down there and they were really effective for 4 or 5 weeks and then they were gone. We got two more, \$100.00 a shot and then they were gone. We did talk to the DNR and we think we can get some cooperation from them. It's not just the cost of the swans, but a parks employee spending hours a week to rake up the geese poop to keep the place sanitary.

We have changed our meeting dates; it used to be the first Tuesday of every month. It now is changed to the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30. This gives the town clerk and treasurer a chance to get the books done so that we actually have the profit and loss statement from the previous month as opposed to one two months behind and that has worked out very well.

The last thing, we have taken a new stance of maintain, repair and replace. During the last year we have maintained, repaired when we have to and we have replaced a lot of things. Other than that we are \$4,000 under budget and I think we can do better.

Bob Williams questioned Tom about how the Town could get away with not paying unemployment compensation on the park's employee. Tom indicated it is because the employee is seasonal part time. Oneida County uses it quite a bit. Because they are part time and they keep it under certain hours, they do not fall under unemployment compensation. Chairman DeMet said that we dealt with this for two years now. Last year was the first full year. The previous employee was getting unemployment but the Town changed the status of the employee to seasonal so we didn't have to unemployment.

Supervisor Michalsen added that after serving the town for one year and working with the Parks Commission, he wanted to commend Tom and the entire commission for doing one heck of a job.

He has had kids and towns people and other town districts come up to him and say that guy really cares about his parks and his town and his town's people, so he commends Tom. Chair DeMet agreed, with a good job.

Plan Commission: Steve was not present and the Town did not have a copy of the Plan Commission Report.

Financial State for 2015: Chairman DeMet introduced Jocelyn Seeliger, our new accountant at Anderson-Metz. Jocelyn started off with the Statement of Net Assets. The bottom line is the Fund Balance as of the end 2015 was just over \$440,000, which if you would break the average expenses down by month, that would give us about five and one half months of expenses. Because the taxes are collected in December and January, we also have the operating funds from there to get you through the whole year. So the \$440,000 is basically the cushion for overages that we can use in certain years. There is no debt as of the end of 2015 and based on 5% of equalized value the town can borrow just under \$10,800,000. Financially the town is doing very well. Under Income the town collected a little over \$2,100,000, after it pays out it's schools', state, county and sanitary district, it will end up with just a little over \$700,000. The variance of this shortfall of \$7,237, is part of Lottery tax credit, Code 403 and there is a timing thing there of refunds and delinquent taxes which amounts to \$1,500.

Under Code 421, there is a variance there of just over \$26,000. That is for Road Work of 2014 and is a timing thing because we were not reimbursed until 2015. Everything else is in line where it should be.

On Page 3, line 705, that shows the pickup sale for the fire dept. of \$5,250.00 that was mentioned. Line 920, that is the DNR grant for the dock. It did not come in last year, but as previously discussed, the \$21,500 is expected this year. Right below is the amount received from Wisconsin Valley Impr. Grant.

Room tax is 4% of the collection which is monies received from short term rentals. This is money received over the rental amount. The town then pays 75% of the room tax to the Chamber for advertising and promotion. The town then retains 25% to do the same to promote the area. Down at the bottom we have the account, Surplus Applied. This is planned spending of prior year income and under 984 there is a savings of \$8,100, which was for the man lift trailer. There was a savings of \$2,500 under Parks, Bridges and Dams, which was not used. Those sums will stay in the general fund for next year.

On Page 4, the general government section, Code 1041, Building Maintenance, the overage there was for the roof work. The Insurance had actually reimbursed the town in 2014 but some of the work was not done until 2015. There also was some work done on the front door. The Equipment Additions & Building Remodeling, these items actually came in under budget, the additional funds were not needed.

On Page 5, we actually had the Fire Dept Report so we are just going to go past that page. On Page 6, Greg has already given his report. One item that he had mentioned, and I would just like to point out again, Item 2056, Gravel, was over budget by \$22,500. This was a pre-purchase for 2016. They were able to get a much better price, so they purchased it in 2015.

Of course, the expense for 2016 for this item will be lower. On Page 7, Town Clean Up, Information Center, Cemetery Expense, etc. all items are pretty much in line with Budget. On Page 8, Parks, we just talked about the wages and contracted services, where they basically offset themselves, based on how the employment was set up. Item 3498, that is where the dock was budgeted. It budgeted for \$45,000 and year to date last year the town spent \$43,000. On Page 9, allocated Funds for future use, this is planned savings set aside for future purchases.

Any other business which may come before the Annual Meeting under Wisconsin Stats 60.10 and 60.11:

Rob Morien asked when the town would begin sweeping the roads. Chairman DeMet said the road crew had already started sweeping the streets, but then we had the last snowfall and they added more sand. DeMet had talked to the road crew and they will be sweeping the roads any day now.

Chairman DeMet said some of the committees need additional people, the Parks Commissions needs an additional person as does the Beautification Committees. The Beautification Committee only has Barb Vetterman and Dolores Kania as Beverly Fagan is no longer able to work. DeMet indicated that the Beautification Committee takes care of all the flowers and plants in Town and they do a great job, but they do need help. Supervisor Parker mentioned that they only meet at the most, twice a year for a short period of time. The Cemetery Board also needs some additional people. DeMet said it's great to have volunteers as they do all the work, but we do need a few more.

Adjournment: Pat Christy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Morien. Motion carried, all Ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Schneider