

The Lake Tomahawk Town Board held their Annual town Meeting on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center for the purpose of conducting business in accordance with Wisconsin Stats. 60.10 and 60.11. There were 10 people in attendance.

All notices were posted according to the open meeting law and the media was notified. Chairman George DeMet, Supervisor Matthew Michalsen, Treasurer Mike Lynch and Clerk Nancy Schneider.

Chairman DeMet read the agenda of the annual Town Meeting of April 18, 2017 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: Catherine Parker made a motion to approve the Agenda as read by the Chairman. Seconded by Tom Heilig. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Approval of the annual Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016: Dick Rehm made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of April 19, 2016 and asked that they be approved. Motion seconded by Greg Kuckkahn. Motion carried, all Ayes.

Chairman/Supervisor Report: Michalsen said he met with Dave Noel and Dave wanted the public to know about some of the broadband projects that are going on. Michalsen said he would be bringing up some more proposals at the May Board Meeting that are going on in 2018 and he would like to see the Town of Lake Tomahawk be involved with.

Currently there are operational broadband towers in Rhinelander, Willow Lake, Squirrel Hill in Minocqua, Timber Ridge area in Hazelhurst, Newbolt, Sugar Camp, Nokomis, and there are some more under development in Cassian and Sugar Camp in Three Lakes. Dave talked to Matt about the economics and importance of this and how fiber does not fully work in such a rural area with heavily wooded forests. He also talked about the new age ways of technologies to partner with local municipalities and private owners, private businesses, private landowners and the educational factor that our youth do not have access to high speed which they are going to need. Matt will have more information at the May regular board meeting.

Chairman DeMet gave the Chairman's Report. His report highlighted what went on each Month of the past year, starting with January 2016. Chairman DeMet's report is attached. Chairman DeMet further commended the clerk and poll workers for a great job on the 4 elections that were held.

Road Department Report: Greg Kuckkahn, Road Superintendent, gave his annual report and it is attached.

Wilderness Rest Cemetery Report: Catherine Parker gave her Report on the Cemetery, covering the three meeting dates of April 11 and August 14, 2016 and March 6, 2017. Parker's report is attached.

Fire Department Report: Doug Rehm gave his report which is attached. He indicated that they purchased 2 new AED units. One of the AED units was purchased and the second AED was donated with the purchase of the first one. The Lions then reimbursed the Fire Department for what they had paid for the first AED unit, so there was no cost to the fire department for the two AED units.

Park Commission Report: Michalsen read the Report for Tom Heilig, who was unable to speak. Two big events for the year 2016 for the Park Commission, was the completion and opening of the new fishing Pier in June and the Children's Dig, Dump and Drive Program in July. Although there were a total of six events for the Children's summer program, the Dig, Dump and Drive was the biggest event by far, with the largest attendance. The Flight for Life helicopter was a very big draw; the fire trucks and all the heavy equipment kept everyone interested as well. Lake Tomahawk Fire Department always does a great job engaging the kids. Other programs like the blacksmith making rings, the worms, the turtles, making scarecrows, attracted almost as many adults as children.

The opening of the fishing pier was the other big event for the Park Commission. This included representatives from the DNR as well as Wisconsin Valley Improvement, the company that provided the grant money for the project. We received great coverage from WJFW and the Lakeland Times and served lunch to 42 people. We have received the grant money from Wisconsin Valley Improvement, but due to the lengthy process for reimbursement from the DNR, we will receive that money sometime in 2017.

In 2016, we hired Wayne Paugel as our seasonal employee and he is back in 2017. Equipment Replacements in 2016 included a backpack blower and a trimmer. Later in the year we also purchased a vacuum for the mower to save time raking the leaves and also to help with the goose poop problem in the summer. Boat Launch fees will remain the same in 2017, the first sticker is free if you are a Lake Tomahawk tax payer.

Vandalism in the parks was minimal in 2016. Toilets at Snowshoe will be open 24-7 as long as there are no problems. In Spring of 2017 we will be adding a small climbing dome over at the play area at Barefoot Park. New ideas for the 2017 year include an archery range at Rainbow Park; Art in the Park event over at Snowshoe and Matt has been working on a multiuse basketball court behind the Sloan Center which will be coming within the next month. Stephanie Sowatzka also filled the vacant position on the Park Commission for 2016. Michalsen also added that Rosie, Darlene, Tom and Arnie do a wonderful job for this whole Town not just the Parks.

Plan Commission Report: Steve was not here. Parker who is the liaison for the Plan Commission said there was not a lot that came before the Board. DeMet said the Plan commission only meets when something comes before their board. They only had two items come before them last year which was the Pizza place and the screen printing place.

Financial State for 2016: We are in very good shape. In looking at the financial report, every department was under budget for 2016. We completed all our road work, the town is not in debt and we have three new businesses. Two are already operating and the third, the old Gas Lite will be opening up in May. Taxes are staying the same, we haven't raised them in over six years, so we are in very good condition. "Washington take note".

Any other business which may come before the annual Meeting under Wisconsin Stats 60.20 and 60.11: Mike Lynch didn't have any business, but wanted to add that Bob Williams passed away and other than Mike, Bob attended every Town Meeting. DeMet added that Bob was a good Citizen.

Adjournment: Dick Rehm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Tom Heilig. Motion carried, all Ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Schneider, clerk