

TOWN OF GREENFIELD, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 These are draft minutes and subject to change.

BOARD PRESENT	Chair Tom Jacobs, Supervisor Andy Neubauer and Supervisor Kevin Timm was present via ZOOM.
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Stacy Burns

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM at the town of Greenfield Hall, N1800 Town Hall Road, La Crosse, WI 54601, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting were read by clerk Burns, motion to accept as read by Dennis Gerke, 2nd by Barry Nelson, all approved 12-0.

Annual financial report for 2019 was read by clerk Burns. Chair Jacobs mentioned that the well building on Ridgeview Drive that was owned by the town has now been sold to the Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Coop for \$20,000. \$10,000 will be given to the St Joseph Sanitary District.

Shelby Fire Department Report – none was given. The contract with the Shelby fire department was renewed Spring of 2020.

Equipment report – the tractor with the boom mower has been purchased for \$122,000 and is in our possession. We own a 2005 dump truck and a newer one as well. Also last year a new lawn mower was purchased.

Road report, the list of roads with greatest need was read by Chair Jacobs. The Slattery's who live on Schams Ave are asking for a speed bump because people are going way too fast on that road. This will be looked into. Another complaint was young kids driving around on mini bikes on the roads. On Schams Ave by the park, the drain ditch work needs to be completed, it's just gravel and needs to be concrete. On Schams Ave to the east there is a drain ditch that needs attention and the retention pond on the north side of Schams Ave needs to be looked at as to why the fencing is down. The corner of Cty M and Schams Ave needs attention because trucks keep ruining the ditch, steel posts need to be put in on both sides to help prevent trucks from cutting the corners. Schieche Road is the current project right now, the bridges are being replaced but project has been halted until some legal issues are resolved. The goal is to properly dedicate the road and give 66 ft right of way all the way back.

Recycle Center bids for concrete slab. Tom Ludwigson was getting these, Chair Jacobs will look into the status of this project.

Park report and reserve funds, the ball field is getting redone and also the Lions club is replacing the electric services down by the ball field. P & T electric will replace the boxes. The park fund is \$1,023.00. The prior year the tennis court was redone.

Elected officials – the electors discussed making the clerk and treasurer jobs appointed instead of elected positions. When appointed these positions could become hourly and we could hire from outside the township if the most qualified candidate does not live in the township. There is also more control for the board in overseeing these positions and it will become their job to hire and decide wages, etc. for these positions. After great discussion, Laurie Harmon made a motion to make the positions of clerk and treasurer appointed rather than elected beginning at the end of the current term, April 2021, 2nd by Barry Nelson, all approved 11 – 0, 1 abstained from voting. This will be contingent on looking into the formal procedures which Chair Jacobs will do.

There was a question about having chickens within the boundaries of St. Joseph Sanitary District. After discussion about the city of La Crosse allowing chickens, not roosters, the board will look into the possibility of an ordinance that may allow chickens, not all farm animals, in St. Joseph.

It was highly suggested that the county put in turn lanes on State Road 33 where they are building their new shop in order to prevent traffic problems.

There was a question about who is responsible for mowing the section with the sidewalk between Sherry Lane and Hwy 33, is it the homeowners? No one knew for sure. Chair Jacobs asked Darrel Servais, that if it is left unattended, would he or Scott please cut that grass.

Budget and tax levy meeting will be November 10, 2020 at 7 PM and Annual meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM by Barry Nelson, 2nd by Dennis Gerke, all approved, 12-0.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Burns, Clerk of the Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County