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Town Electors Annual Meeting; Monday, April 25, 2022

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Tom Jacobs, Supervisors Andy Neubauer and Kevin Timm

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy

RESIDENTS PRESENT: 10

Call to Order: Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Motion by Dennis Gerke/ Barry Nelson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 annual meeting as read. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 2021 financial report was presented. Motion by Barry Nelson/Dennis Gerke to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Shelby Fire Department Report: Chief Tony Holinka reported dept. responded to 365 calls last yr. at an increase of 15% with medical calls decreasing and fire calls increasing. Multiple responses were made to same mobile home parks. Named top five personnel with highest rate of call response and top five with highest training credits. All officer positions are now filled and new hires added with applications waiting to be reviewed. Goal is to have 12-15 more personnel for responding within Greenfield for faster response times. Had 2% dues audit; received compliancy. No one received Covid directly thru responding to calls and dept. will continue to wear masks. Dept working on fleet maintenance, with 3 apparatus at Greenfield station, including a tanker with a small pump. Since 2020-21 Dept. has been participating in mutual aid calls with surrounding depts. Average of about 25% of personnel responding to a single call. Dept. currently has 39 volunteers; goal of 50.

Recycle Center Report: Had inspection by the DNR; concentrating on E-waste materials disposal; TVs.

St. Joe's Lions Park Report: Kevin Timm reported club will be adding mulch at park, hoping to build dug outs for the ball field, move some fencing, do updated painting on the shelter house. Drain pipe at top of park plugged. Sparta company contacted to get bid price to fix. Erosion areas will be addressed after pipe work is completed.

St. Joe's Sanitary District: In 2021 well pump and piping replaced at main well house, cost of \$60,000. Well new in 1976. New roof replacement at \$14,000. Continue to have water loses due to repairs needed on certain portions of the water line. Public Service Commission required a rate study and new rates were determined and put into place in January of 2022. Increase of 5-8%. New water treatment plant was put into place in 2008, required by the DNR. DNR has since put limits on phosphorus and chlorine usage, using lime to try and meet limits, been expensive, recently found at a cheaper price. Use 2 pallets of lime bags /month. Treatment plant loan is due to be paid off in 2026.

Equipment: Older plow truck will need replacement in the future. Discussed buying a trailer to use for hauling the tractor and/ or other equipment; new starting at \$11,000. Could buy a trailer for the mower now and trade up if the town were to buy a skid steer in the future. Barry Nelson suggested putting \$ into the truck fund to start saving for purchases. Will review at budget time.

Roads: Have a 2nd town worker. Have priority road projects to be done; Schieche Rd., Schmaltz Rd.- move drainage ditch, Betz, and other road repairs, resurfacing, seal coating. Rds. tied to FEMA and WI Disaster Fund need to get done. Pot holes in Clements Rd. have been fixed; culvert too will need addressing soon. Clements rd. will be built up to standards with gravel to make it drivable while awaiting further construction.

Citizen Concerns: Barry Nelson stated storm drain behind Delores Knobloch's house runs right thru the property on Birch Lane. Stated the town may get a phone call from the property owners when a large amt. of water from a storm comes thru property when building is going on. Chair Jacobs stated that Joe Klein will be building on the property in question. Ernie Komperud bought up a concern about town workers smoking in the town vehicles. Chair Jacobs stated that it might be an issue now to prohibit when the workers are in vehicles for long periods of time. Barry stated it would be an issue if other people had to ride in those trucks and that smoking can take place outside of the trucks during their scheduled break times. Tony Holinka asked if the town still has an interest in purchasing the county building when vacant. Chair Jacobs stated that Tim Suebert had an interest part of the property also and the county may still have an interest in storage there even if it is bought. Nancy Kroner stated that there will be a Blood Drive on Monday, May 9th from 1-6 p.m. and that there is a great need. A lunch will be provided. Local businesses were named that will be donating lunch items. Ernie Komperud asked about the Recycling Center and about every household paying the same share for the service. In discussion it was stated that all taxes collected are joined together and a portion is taken out for each service. The recycling service is built into the budget. Kevin Timm asked on behalf of the St. Joe's Lions Club, that a can bin be placed at the recycle center for can collection; picked up weekly. Stated that ½ of all the monies collected goes back into the park. Motion by Chair Jacobs/Dennis Gerke to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously. Heaving of front sidewalk issue brought up; will monitor to see if it settles down this summer and decide what route to take at a later date.

Operating Loan: Motion by Chair Jacobs/ Pat Manthey to take out a short-term operating rd. loan if needed, approx. \$90,000, to be paid back in the budget year. **Motion** approved unanimously.

Elected Positions (Chair & 2 Supervisors): Discussion on raising one- time yearly salaries; to be enacted next term. 10% increases presented. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Barry Nelson to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Budget and Tax Levy Approval Mtgs.: scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022 with the budget mtg. at 7 p.m. followed by the tax levy approval mtg. Motion by Dennis Gerke/ Chair Jacobs to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Town Electors Annual Mtg.: scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Chair Jacobs to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Motion by Dennis Gerke/ Barry Nelson to adjourn. **Motion** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Murphy, Town Clerk