

# TOWN OF GREENFIELD

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Town Electors Annual Meeting; Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**BOARD PRESENT:** Outgoing & Incoming Chairs Tom Jacobs & Kevin Timm, Supervisors Chad Morris and Daren Schieldt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Jill Murphy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Patrick Houlihan

**RESIDENTS PRESENT:** 33

**Call to Order:** Tom Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Notices were posted.

**Minutes:** Motion by Barry Nelson/Dennis Gerke to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 annual meeting as read. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** 2022 financial report was presented. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Barry Nelson to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Shelby Fire Department Report:** Chief Holinka unable to attend. Kevin Timm stated nothing to report; have updated town during regular town board meetings.

**Recycle Center Report:** Steve Schmaltz, recycle worker, stated they are keeping items stored properly and get rid of items so not to cause a pile up. Compactor switch giving trouble, but working now. Welding work still needs to be done on compactor. Fence repair update, nothing to report. Hilltoppers will pay since they knocked it down. Rock brought in, possible paving area down the road. Issues of cardboard disposal stated; not enough room and ends up in compactor. Timm asked about bailer to aid with the issue. Maybe have a 2<sup>nd</sup> bin during X-mas. Timm will give Hilltoppers a call for options. No extra storage in large container. Recycle contract will be up in April 2024.

**St. Joe's Lions Park Report:** Schieldt stated at Lion's mtg. will have vote to fix shelter or build new one; probably new. ARPA \$ and fundraising goal of \$150,000 to be put toward shelter. Fundraisers thru July festival. Fencing project completed, fence left over. Will complete dugouts with concrete slabs, benches and enclosing them. Have interest from the Shelby ball program to play at the field. Look at more fencing issues in the outfield, grant submitted for restoring const. of runoff from drain underneath. Legacy type stuff for fundraising. Received \$8000 grant for fireworks. Ball tourney held in fall. April 30 poker run for Lion's. Need card to participate. Already do a golf tourney fundraiser where \$ raised gets split between 4 organizations.

**St. Joe's Sanitary District Report:** Employee Bobbi Hundt stated 1 property was annexed into the district and the boundary map has been updated. Stacy Burns resigned as bookkeeper and Jill Murphy has been hired for the position. Stated to remember to call Diggers for any construction work including patios or drive ways. Hydrant flushing will be on Wednesday, April 26 pending on the weather instead of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Equipment Report:** Older dump truck needs replacing is 23 yrs. old; box is stainless steel and in good shape. Chad Morris gave a quote from Kenworth for just the frame and chassis for \$122,000; getting other bids as well. Different options regarding using box, switching it to new truck \$70,000 or getting new one \$110,000 with new controls and plow (bid from Universal). Orders of new trucks taking over a year to receive. Scrap old truck.

Morris stated need to get into a consistent trade cycle with the plow trucks, 5-10 years. Morris gave bids on a tilt equipment trailer for use for lawn mower, skid steer, and hauling posts, culverts. Bids range from \$8400-11,000. Morris found 2 heavier duty trailers at Coon Valley Dairy and Auto Trader. 20 ft. with 7000 lb. axles, tool box, and spare tire. Has a 4 ft. front stationary platform with a hydraulic cylinder that can be locked and able to change rate of how fast/ slow in can go up/down. Has side rails/ rings to secure equipment. \$11-12 thousand built into budget this year for purchase. Timm stated need to purchase chains as well. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Barry Nelson to approve purchasing a trailer/chain for \$12,000. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Road Report:** Roesler has a call into Mathy and Irwin about slurry coat, different than chip seal, no chips flying around. This year aiming to chip seal/ slurry seal roads. Have a list of roads to be done. Lost Ridge is one that needs it. Will do the whole Clements rd. at the same time. Nelson asked about doing culvert at end of Schams. County has bailed on fixing it. Will try and get the county to keep an open discussion on the issue.

**Operating Loan:** Motion by Tom Jacobs/Dennis Gerke approve to take out a short-term operating loan for roads if needed, for approx. \$100,000, to be paid back in the budget year. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Town Hall Rental Change:** Discussed changes to town hall rental making it more standard and eliminate hourly rate. Since people like time to set up for their events; which people tend not to include in the rental hours. Rate: \$75.00 for small room & \$150 for large room; all rentals include kitchen use. Motion by Ernie Komperud/Dennis Gerke to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Change of Town Board meeting days:** Chair Kevin Timm asked if the monthly meetings could be changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month; due to his business being nightly and it being closed on Mondays, allowing more time to devote to mtgs. Will begin with the May mtg. Clerk will try to put out mtg. notices on Fridays. Motion by Barry Nelson/ Ernie Komperud to approve. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Citizen Concerns:** Nancy Kroner gave information about the Blood Drive on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-6 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Can call # on flyer or go on-line to set up an appt. In need of donors and stated; "What a wonderful gift to give to someone?" Clerk Murphy stated that today, April 18, the new town board takes over. Kevin Timm as chairman, Chad Morris as Supervisor 1 and Daren Schieldt as Supervisor 2. Barry Nelson asked if guard rails for bridge on Schieche rd. will get done this yr. Scott Roesler stated it highest on the priority list after figuring out what roads need fixing, along with putting in guard rail on Breidel Coulee rd. Ober rd. rail and Hickory wooden rail needs fixing. A speed sign will be placed on Schieche and dead-end sign will need to be replaced. Barry Nelson stated the yard on Malzacher rd. where there is a temporary permit to repair vehicles, looks like a salvage yard and the permit doesn't permit storing vehicles. Chair Timm will look into it. Dennis Gerke states the entrance concrete slab needs fixing. Timm stated they will tear it out and replace. John Kammel asked if dead end sign could be placed in a different area to alert cars that it is a dead end sooner on the road. Roesler stated there is a different new sign that he ordered for this. Ernie Komperud stated Clements rd. needs to be built up along stretch of field and asked for road markers to be placed so drivers don't drive on the lawn. Timm asked to put temporary speed signs placed on rd. Daren Schieldt stated statutorily, 25 mph should be used. Driveway on Servais Collern is being dug out and replaced so sanitary dept. can get at water shut off. Komperud asked if ATV Club could get back on the agenda. County is taking a survey to get input from the public on the AVT issue. Will wait to see what develops at the county level before passing ordinances on the issue to ensure similar standards with neighboring towns, county, and be able to enforce compliance. Reach out to law enforcement and report if someone see a problem.

**Budget and Tax Levy Approval Meetings:** Scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 with the budget mtg. at 7 p.m. followed by the tax levy approval mtg.

**Town Electors Annual Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Tom Jacobs stated you can call the mtg. that evening and adjourn the mtg. and re-set it for another day with 10 days of original date.

**\*Kevin Timm thanked Tom Jacobs for all his years and service to the town; applause from all.**

Motion by Tom Jacobs & Barry Nelson/ Ernie Komperud to adjourn. **Motion** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Murphy, Town Clerk

APPROVED