

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 8:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to order by Chairman Dale Judd at 8:02pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale Judd.
3. Review of minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting:
Dawn Haag moved to accept the 2015 minutes. Kristy Mueller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Reading and review of the 2015 Financial Statements.
Clerk did not have income listed in financial statement. She is to post full report on website. Virgil Haag moved to accept the financial statement presented. Malcom Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Request for motion from attendees to grant borrowing powers to the Town Board in 2016-17, to be limited to 5K unless by Special Public meeting. David Garfoot moved, Devin Dalk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. New Glarus Fire District representative Malcolm Austin.
New thermal imaging camera, fundraising for new station. Municipal funds are requested to help with that. Combined funds would be \$100,000 over 2 years. Primrose contribution \$6324 in 2017, and another \$6324 again in 2018. They are pushing back the purchase of a new truck to 2020.
The Board felt that this expense should be shared evenly across the township. Dawn suggested that the decision be made at the Budget Hearing.
7. Mt. Horeb Area Fire District representative Dale Judd.
Meetings continue regarding a new fire station. There is an agreement to purchase land. Mt Horeb EMS has gone to staffing from out of town, and the new station will have living quarters. The Mt Horeb police station might be combined with the Fire Station.
8. Representatives from local EMS groups, Kristy Mueller, Gary Zeigler, Jenny Minter
Kristy Mueller represented New Glarus EMS. Two new members, and one member is going to an advanced certification. NG responded to (363+42) calls. They are considering a new EMS station in the next 2 to 3 years. The estimated costs are 1.2 to 1.5 million. Funding will be done through grants.
Jeremy Martin represented Belleville EMS. They had 325 calls, 4 of which were in Primrose, and one assist in Primrose. They have 5 new EMS members. Currently have 7 drivers. The primary ambulance is a 2009, the secondary is a 2001. They are considering replacing the

2001. They are also looking to replace their 15 year-old defibrillators. They invited the public to several of their dinners and public events.

9. Southwest Outreach Area representative Lynn Forshaug.

Lynn gave us an update on their senior center and services. They are funded by the 6 municipalities that they serve, plus Dane County. They now have a meal site at Fink's café, and she shared a menu for that. They send out 45 to 50 meals each day, and they have about a 50 mile circuit with 12 – 15 families being served by this. They had 869 contacts throughout the year from Primrose. She listed a very extensive list of health and wellness services offered.

10. Mt. Vernon Park update from Craig Judd. Craig was not present.

11. Review of Town provided public services (snow plowing, grading, use of equipment, etc).

Martha felt we should not charge more for smaller parties renting the hall. Dawn felt it should be a Town service. Kristy felt we should keep track of it. The general consensus was that the rate should not be raised. The rates for grading and plowing will stay at \$65, the sand and salting at \$25, and the Town Hall rental \$60.

12. Site view and other administrative fees reviewed and approved by Board.

Site views are \$250, driveway permit is \$250 and a driveway bond is \$500. Field road access is \$75 for approval. None of these fees will change.

13. Report by Town Treasurer regarding tax collections, other financial business.

We collected 76% of our total taxes, being \$1,091,531.70.

14. Dog license fees reviewed and adjusted by Treasurer. Spay and neuter licenses are 9\$, and \$14 for intact. Increase: Neutered 10, intact 15, kennel licenses at 40, County rates are increasing, and this will keep the Town from owing moneys. Dave Garfoot moved that we approve these increases, seconded Malcolm Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion regarding township fixtures, facilities and highway equipment.

Brant Thompson reported: The small Ford has \$26,606.57 has been spent. A new truck would not be much more than that. He has estimates for a new truck of \$47,100, and a plowing box would be \$27,690. After sale of the Ford, the new truck would cost the Town \$47,790. A new vehicle would have a warrantee, that would cover expenses for 3 years. Dave Garfoot moved the Town explore replacing the Ford 550. Devin Dalk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The orange trailer is not in use, and currently has no lights and brakes. Martha suggested that we put the trailer on Craigslist, or offer it to the town residents. Alex suggested a sealed bid. Dawn suggested putting it on the website. Dale requested a motion be made. Virgil Haag made a motion to sell the trailer, as is. Devin Dalk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion regarding newspaper notices, posting locations, and public phone announcements.

Dawn requested that notifications of site views do not have to be posted in the newspaper. Martha suggested that immediate neighbors be notified as a matter of courtesy. Dawn made motion to amend the Town Ordinance to be that notifications of site views do not need to be posted in the newspaper, but only be posted on the website, on the phone recording, and on the posting boards, and that the adjoining neighbors be notified. Kristy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Setting date of annual roadway inspection.

Dale requested we hold off on roadway surface repair until we have completed Old JG bridge replacement. The Road Inspection was set for April 29th at 10am.

18. Setting dates for 2016 Open Book and Board of Review.

Open Book review was set to be May 24th, 2016 from 5 pm until 7pm. Board of Review was set to be held on June 14th, 2016 starting at 5pm.

19. Spring Clean-Up with Town & Country Sanitation.

Dawn moved Martha seconded that we have spring clean up on May 12. Clerk to post what is not able to be picked up.

20. Planning Commission start-time, and start-time authority.

The Planning Commission requested their own authority to set the start time, as long as . Dawn moved to allow the Planning Commission to set their own start time as long as it was between 7 and 8pm. Malcom Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

21. Possible reorganization of current budgetary categories.

Clerk requested permission to eliminate budgetary categories that do not apply, and create categories to handle expenses that regularly occur. She indicated that re-organization of the budgetary amounts would enable her to put more money into the vehicle repair funds.

Board and attendees agreed that this was acceptable, and up to the Clerk's discretion.

22. Set the date of the next Annual Town Meeting, time and place.

The next Annual Town Meeting was set for April 18th, 2017 starting at 7:30pm.

23. Any other business to come before the electorate of the Town of Primrose.

There was an anonymous letter was received regarding agricultural spillage on Town roads.

They suggested an Ordinance for combatting this. As an agricultural community, the Town felt that the Board could be notified on a one-on-one basis if there is a problem.

24. Adjournment;

Virgil moved to adjourn at 10:05pm. Malcolm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.