

# TOWN OF PRIMROSE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 2017 8:00 P.M.

## Minutes

1. Call to order by Chairman Dale Judd at 8:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale Judd.
3. Review of minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. Dawn Haag made motion to approve minutes as written. Malcolm Austin seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dawn Haag asked why there was a \$2000.00 discrepancy in the 2016 financial statement. The clerk could not answer this, but will have an answer by next Town Board meeting. Dennis Stampfl made motion to approve the 2016 Annual Report. Kristi Mueller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Request for motion from attendees for granting borrowing powers to the Town Board in 2017-2018. Dave Garfoot made motion to use the same language (to limit the borrowing power of the Board to \$5000 unless by special meeting). Denny Stampe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. New Glarus Fire District representative Malcolm Austin.  
Malcolm reported that the NG Fire department is hoping for an early August groundbreaking on the new wing of the fire station. New radios are in and operable. They now have communications to both Green Co and Dane Co. They are considering purchase of a new truck, possibly in 2020, as their largest truck will need replacing.
6. Mt. Horeb Area Fire District representative Dale Judd.  
In the multi-town vote, Primrose voted against the MHJAFD proposed building referendum, but as the only negative vote, the referendum was passed (requiring 7/8 towns approval). Primrose is, by contract, still financially committed to the project. Ground breaking is expected next Spring. They are still having trouble with adequate staffing during the day. Some radio signals are dropped with the new DaneCom system, due to terrain.
7. Representatives from local EMS groups, Kristy Mueller, Jeremy Martin.  
Kristy Mueller represented New Glarus EMS. She handed out a summary of news and run data for the last year. Purchase of a power-lift has increased ability to safely load patients. A siren amplifier has been added to one of the ambulances. An "auto pulse" is on order for future use. Data shows a higher rate of return-of-pulse is possible with its use.  
Gary Martin represented Belleville EMS. He reported that they currently have 30 EMTs on staff, and 11 drivers. They have linked with UW Madison for a 2-year rotational internship. They have had 373 calls in 2016, and so far 95 calls in 2017. They bought and put into use a new defibrillator with vital sign capabilities. They are in the first stages of purchase of a new ambulance. They expect to have sufficient funds to be able to purchase one in 2019. They are planning and open house on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Report by Town Treasurer regarding tax collections, other financial business.  
Treasurer Gorman reported that we have collected 68% of property tax and 100% of the personal property tax. Dale suggested putting together an "equipment" fund, putting funds into a set-aside

earmarked strictly for replacing the oldest highway vehicle. This amount would be budgeted and saved, in order to avoid a tax rate increase or taking out a substantial loan. Martha pointed out that taxpayer's money is what is used to pay interest rates, and that a set-aside is valuable for both vehicles and revaluation made the most sense. Kristy pointed out that the full \$16,000 was used to purchase the new Dodge 5500, and that our current set-asides are low. Dawn pointed out that the reduced amount required for capital debit payment in 2018 and 2019 it would be easier to set some aside. Dave Garfoot that if we could hold out even 3 years, if the weather isn't too hard on the vehicles, enough money could be saved.

9. Report by Town Clerk regarding current budget. Discussion regarding possible changes to next year's budget. LRIP chosen over TRID. Discussion of future use of roadway funds will be for sealcoat and preferably for through-roads.

10. Discussion regarding trash and recycling pick-up, toters, and charges thereof.

Kristy suggested that a note be put on the new toters to keep people from using them

11. Discussion regarding Spring Clean Up.

Town & County has stated that if the two men on the Spring Clean Up can lift whatever is left out, they will take it, as there is no weight limit. Spring Clean Up to be held May 11<sup>th</sup>.

12. Site view and other fees approved by Town Board.

The fees were read and discussed, in addition to the \$250 site view fees. Dawn Haag made motion to leave the fees the same. Jerry Judd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion regarding Town Board and Planning Commission salaries and per diem amounts.

The clerk read the rates of pay for Perry and Arena, as they have comparable populations. Martha felt that the per diems for the PC should be increased due to the work involved, and because they don't have a base salary. Alex pointed out that the Board's salary has not been increased in 12 years, and that Primrose is the lowest paid board and planning commission in the area. Denny made motion to raise \$50 per diem PC for meetings, and stay at \$25 for site views, as they can do more than one site view in a day. Dawn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. This will be put in the November Budget. Dave Garfoot asked if the decision to raise the Board salary would need to be made now. Dale suggested that a dollar figure be put forth that can then be put into the budget for the Budget Workshop. Alex suggested that the Board salary be increase by an amount of \$50 every year, starting at \$2700 for 2018. Audience members agreed with the \$2700, but not the \$50 increase per year. Dave Garfoot made motion that the Chair salary be increased to 2700 for 1/1/18. Jerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Budget workshop. Supervisors pay was also reviewed. Jerry made motion to raise it to \$1700. Denny seconded. Dave Garfoot added that this should be discussed on a yearly basis. Motion passed unanimously. Per diem for the Town Board was then reviewed. Martha felt that pre-mentioned raises were ok, and to leave TB per diem alone for now.

14. Setting the date for Open Book and Board of Review for 2017. This item tabled, as it normally is not dealt with at Annual Meeting.

15. Setting the date of the next Annual Town Meeting, time and place. To be set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April in 2018, at 7:30pm.
16. Any other business to come before the electorate of the Town of Primrose.  
Posting and public announcements should be on Annual Meeting agenda. Dawn asked that posting procedures stay the same as last year. It was unanimous that no changes be made.
17. Adjournment: 9:55pm Malcolm moved to adjourn. Denny seconded. Motion passed unanimously.