

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 7:30 P.M. Minutes - Unapproved

1. Call to order by Chairman Dale Judd at 7:35pm. Dennis Stamn moved that all votes would be cast verbally. Malcolm Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale Judd.
3. Review of minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Dawn Haag moved to approve the minutes. Dennis Stamn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Reading and review of the 2018 Financial Statements. David Garfoot read Kristy Gorman's prepared report of finances and balances for 2018.

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

The Clerk presented the closing 2018 Budget vs. Actual and the amortization schedule of current loans.

Dog license fees reviewed and adjusted by Treasurer. Dog licenses were left unchanged: 10\$ for spay or neutered, 15\$ for intact dogs.

Dennis Stamn moved to approve the financial reports. Patty Peltakos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Request for motion from attendees to grant borrowing powers to the Town Board in 2019-2020. Dawn moved to approve up to borrowing powers for the Board up to \$5,000 unless by special meeting. Malcolm Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. New Glarus Fire District representative Malcolm Austin.
Malcolm Austin reported that the building extension has been started and is well underway. The new truck bids are out. They expect an 8 - 12 month period before needing to make the first payment.
7. Mt. Horeb Area Fire District representative Dale Judd.
Dale reported that there 349 fire calls, and 983 EMS calls. They currently have 68 volunteer members. The new building is nearly complete and the department is working out of it at this time. The Grand Opening ceremony will be Monday, June 17th at 3:00 pm with an open house to follow until 8:00 pm. The new building has been funded by USDA, but as building is not yet complete and so final cost is still not known. Project is currently coming in under budget. The old station was purchased by Town of Mount Horeb for 630K. Proportions of that amount will come back to the Towns. Dale hopes that Primrose will turn that back to the MHAJF loan. A new ambulance just put into service, with monies taken out of capital expenditures program.

8. Representatives from local EMS groups, Kristy Mueller, Jeremy Martin.

Representatives from these departments were not present. Dale and Malcom reported that both services are doing well and operating efficiently.

9. Southwest Outreach Area representative Lynn Forshaug.

Southwest Dane is currently serving around 91 Case Management clients and 6 Medical Assistance clients.

We served 15,434 meals in 2018, with Fink's Café serving around 60 seniors each Wed.

Dane County is funding \$21,284.00 for our congregate and home delivered meals, \$45,731.00 for our Case Management program and \$27,759.00 for the Fink's café meals.

Our total budget for 2019 is \$166,080.00, the municipalities share is \$52,579.00 and Primrose's share is \$3,248.00. We continue to have fundraisers each year to help offset the budget.

An average of 1,300 seniors are attending programs and meals at the Senior Center monthly.

We continue to have Social Events, outings, wellness programs, foot and blood pressure clinics, Caregiver Support Group, free tax preparation through AARP, where 65 seniors benefitted from this in March.

We work with Care Van Service for transportation for our seniors to our meals, lunch outings, shopping trips, etc.

We work with RSVP of Dane County to have local volunteers provide rides to medical appointments and delivering meals. We are always looking for volunteers for these programs.

Our agency and other Senior Centers in Dane County are seeing more clients with "mental health" issues, so the Village of Mt. Horeb has installed a doorbell at the Senior Center. We can lock the doors if we are alone.

Dane County is also working on getting another program set up to help us with folks with mental health issues.

Mary Kay Sutter, our Case Manager has attended an "Active Shooter" training through Dane County, but we also had an "Active Shooter training at the Center last summer.

We will be hosting a seven week "Stepping On Class" starting on May 16 through June 27 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. This class will help people improve their balance and prevent falls. Wisconsin has the highest number of falls

in the nation that leads to death. The class is \$35.00/person.

We will also be hosting a "Welcome to Medicare" program on Saturday, June 2, from 9:00-11:30 am. A Benefit Specialist from the Area Agency on Aging will be sharing information for people turning 64 this year. People have to call

261-9930 to register for the class.

We have purchased a new metal bench with memorial money from two families. It is located outside at the Center.

We are providing services with 12 seniors from Primrose.

10. Review of Town provided public services.

Grader use remains at 65\$/hr.

Dale reported that the town is now encouraging people to have private services for private driveway plowing.

Dale reported that the Town Hall rental has been 60\$, but maintenance costs are 150\$ due to septic pumping costs. Martha suggested raising the cost of Town Hall rental. Dawn Haag suggested raising it to 75\$. Dennis Stamm moved to approve this increase. Theresa Judd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Driveway bond is now at \$1,000. Site view 250\$. Driveway permit fee is \$250.

These fees were unchanged.

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

Dale reported that Dodge 2016 now has 16,757 miles, there are 1,411 hours on the Tractor. Mike is considering asking to get a gravel bucket for road work. The 2009 Blue Peterbilt has 67,564 miles on it now. Recent repairs have included a coolant leak, electrical short, and a re-gen/pollution system overhaul. The 1998 Orange Peterbilt has 76,612 miles. Its double frame is "jacking" with rust, and box is rusty, and it may have a cracked manifold. There are 278 hours on Simplicity lawn mower, and the belts keep coming off. Ditch/bank mower is under repair in the shop. As discussed at the 2018 Annual Meeting, the town may rent special equipment for overhead and steep bank mowing. The Grader is possibly a 1966. Mike reports that the front-end bearings are extremely loose and it is only safe to drive at very low speeds. It leaks quite a bit of oil. Dawn questioned whether the Town should keep the grader. Mike felt that a grader is required for the gravel roads as the current grade blade on the tractor does not do a good job. Dale reported that an independent axle pull-behind tractor grader might be about 15K and would work well. Dale has one at the farm and offered to rent it to the town to try out. Dawn made motion that the Town seriously look into truck bids and a pull-behind grader. Seconded by Dennis Stamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale further reported that the salt shed trim is missing on back corner. This could be repaired by a steel building repair service.

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

The Clerk reported that currently the notices are posted in the Mount Horeb Mail, at public boards (Mt. Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, Town Hall), on the website, and a summary is on the voice recording. Dawn moved to leave this policy in place. Lynn Pitman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Announcement of dates for 2019 Open Book and Board of Review.

The Clerk reported that Open book is scheduled to be at 5pm on Thursday, May 30th, and Board of review is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th beginning at 5pm.

15. Announcement of date for Spring Clean-Up with Town & Country Sanitation.

Clerk reported that Spring Clean Up is scheduled to be on May 9th.

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

The next Annual Meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020. Beginning at 7:30.

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

Dawn Haag requested that the approval of minutes refer to specifically dated minutes on agendas. The Board conceded.

18. Adjournment. Theresa Judd moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Malcolm Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Ruth Hansen

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