

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, June 16, 2020 7:30 P.M.

This was an in-person meeting at the Town Hall using social distancing and sanitary measures, with teleconferencing allowed and included.

Thirteen people were in attendance at the Town Hall, three attended by teleconference.

1. Call to order by Chairman Dale Judd at 7:33 pm. Martha Gibson, and Alex Elkins were also in attendance.

Dale began the meeting by asking if there were any issues regarding the posting of this meeting. Martha said that due to changes of venue, due to Covid-19 we had missed the 15-day posting requirement by one day. Multiple requests for information to the Department of Justice have not been answered. Dale asked for a motion to proceed with the meeting anyway. Malcolm Austin moved to proceed. Theresa Judd seconded. Votes: 15 aye, 1 abstention.

2. Review of minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Dawn Haag asked that Item #13 be corrected to read: "All meetings be put in the MHM except site views". Dawn moved to approve the minutes with that correction. Malcolm Austin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reading and review of the 2019 Financial Statements.

Report by Town Treasurer regarding tax collections, other financial business. Dave Garfoot read the financial report for 2019.

His report included that after set-asides the Investment Account had a balance of \$36,570.67 at the end of 2019. The Operating Account had a balance of \$24,593.04. Dawn Haag stated that she believed that this "carry-over" was too high. Dale pointed out that such an on-going balance had allowed the Town to pay its portion of the New Glarus fire truck without taking out a loan.

Dog license fees reviewed and adjusted by Treasurer. No changes were made to the fees.

Malcom Austin moved to approve the financial statement for 2019. Robyn Garfoot seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for motion from attendees to grant borrowing powers to the Town Board in 2020-2021. Theresa moved to grant borrowing powers to the Town Board for 2021. Kristy Mueller seconded. Vote: 13 aye, 3 nay. Motion carried.

5. Discussion of Fire, EMS and Outreach reports.

Malcom Austin presented his report the New Glarus Fire Department was within budget in 2019. The new Fire Chief is Josh Kammerud, as Dave Anderson has stepped down. New truck will arrive June 29th, expected. Primrose has paid their portion for this truck. The addition to the building is almost complete and has stayed within budget. There is a 30-year contract will be due this year and will be sent to Primrose after review by the NGFD attorney.

Kristy Mueller reported that some New Glarus EMS staff has been held back to cover for any that come down with COVID-19. Some people have been brought back with the easing of restrictions. PPE supplies have been coming from Emergency Management. They have a new paramedic. She runs approximately 400 hours per month, at no extra cost to the towns. She reported that they have a disinfectant sprayer that can efficiently disinfect all surfaces, clothing etc from virus and bacteria. New defibrillators are on order, and will be an upgrade of the current units, and are expected by February of 2021.

Dale reported for the MHFD & EMS, things have been running smoothly. Have staff in house 24/7 now.

SW Dane Outreach report was read, and there were no questions regarding this.

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

Dawn made motion to post all town meetings, in the same manner as last year, site views being exempted. Florence Connors asked that dates on posts include the year. Brian Schneider asked if we have an email list to send town activity updates, as other towns do. Florence noted that some websites will allow people to register to get a notification that a new posting was made. Dale asked for a vote to approve the posting protocol. Vote: 13 aye, 2 nay, 1 abstention.

7. Announcement of dates for 2020 Open Book and Board of Review.

The Clerk reported that Open Book is scheduled for August 6th, and Board of Review is on September 10th. Both to be held 5pm – 7pm.

8. Discussion regarding 2021 Spring Clean-Up with Town & Country Sanitation.

The Clean-Up is to be held Thursday, May 6th if possible.

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

The 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th beginning at 7:30pm.

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

Florence Connors asked that the year of minutes be specified in approvals.

Dawn asked that the Clerk and Treasurer be a combined office. Clerk to find out the cost increase for doing so. Additionally, she felt that the carry-over was too high for 2019. Dale pointed out that the NG Fire truck was paid without a loan.

Bill Haack asked for an up-date regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Martha said that it was to be in-person meetings, and at this time, the PC is unwilling to attend except by phone. The County has the information but doesn't know how we want it presented.

He also asked to have Liberty Road fixed.

11. Adjournment at 8:33pm. Theresa Judd moved to adjourn. Steve Ottman seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Ruth Hansen, Clerk

Post date: 6/18/20