

Town of Johnstown
Polk County, Wisconsin
Minutes of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting
April 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike Anderson, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Shed, 2181 County Rd G, Comstock, WI. There were 20 residents in attendance, including the Chairman, 2 Supervisors, Treasurer and the Clerk. Chairman Anderson reviewed the general rules of order.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting were read. Motion by Deborah Schadeegg, seconded by Carol Franzen to approve the minutes. Yes – 20, No – 0. Motion Carried.

The 2015 Financial Report was presented and reviewed the clerk. Motion by Kitty Anderson, seconded by Deborah Schadeegg to approve the 2015 Financial Report. Yes – 20, No – 0. Motion Carried.

Shirley Ferraro made a Motion: to direct the Town of Johnstown to fund a bi-annual audit on odd years by a certified public accountant to audit the financial records of the township at an approximate cost of \$5000 per audit and present the results at the subsequent Annual Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Deborah Schadeegg. Discussion: Frank Maas stated that for a small township the cost isn't necessary. Arnie Peer commented on the checks and balances process of years past and the fact that it's all computer generated in today's world. Shirley Ferraro added that this is not an implication that there's a poor job being done by any member of the board.

Vote: yes = 3; no = 12; no votes = 5. Motion lost.

Deborah Schadeegg made a Motion: All messages; oral, verbal, electronic or any other method of communication with a person elected to serve in a Johnstown Township position shall be responded to only by an elected representative. Seconded by Carolyn Vance. Discussion: Cindy Chase commented that we are not in control of reactions of our kin to subjects that are presented. Additional random discussion ensued, including common courtesy, common sense and professionalism should be used whenever responding to a resident concern.

Vote: yes = 8; no = 8; no votes = 4. Motion lost.

Frank Maas asked: Is it really necessary to dry grain 24/7 for up to 40 hours straight? At this time of year, the sound travels and is disturbing. Can anything be done? Chairman Anderson asks that anyone with sound complaints contact him and accompany him to visit the location of the disturbance.

Frank Maas further extended a compliment to the exemplary job of road maintenance and service that has been provided to town residents by town employee, Brad Chase.

Merlin Richter asked: Can anything be done on the "mailman road"? [25th Street, north of Cty Hwy G to 205th Ave.] The mud that gets dragged out onto Cty G is not good. Could a load of gravel be used to build up the road? Chairman Anderson responded: We will look at some gravel and to take the grader thru and cut some decent drainage ditches to direct the water flow. It's not a high use road so don't plan to spend a lot of money on it, but also plan to make it reasonably passable.

Deborah Schadeegg asked; At one time, there was a proposal to make improvements to the town shed, where is that at? Discussion ensued: in the past, there was approval to spend up to \$15,000 to make improvements, however, that amount would barely touch the necessary changes that would need to be made to do any reasonable improvements. A bid request was sent out, with no response and no further action has been taken.

Carolyn Vance asked: Are all the speed limit signs posted from the last resolution? Yes, they are all posted.

Frank Maas asked when road restriction might be lifted. Chairman Anderson stated that we will try to coincide with the county, but anticipate May 1st.

Merlin Richter asked about the burning restrictions. Prior to starting any fire, residents are strongly encouraged to check the DNR website for your area for the current fire danger

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(<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.html>) or contact a town supervisor for the latest update and current conditions. (also see ordinance 2001-3; Rev. 2011 on the website: <http://pipelakes.org/johnstown-township/>)

Thank you Larry Bresina for your constant support of our postings and the Pipe Lakes District for sharing your website with the Town of Johnstown.

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting will be held the third Tuesday in April.

There being no further topics of discussion, a Motion was made by Pat Kolstad, seconded by Paul Pett, to adjourn The 2016 Annual Town Meeting at 7:58 p.m. Yes – 20, No – 0. Motion Carried.