

Town of Johnstown
Polk County, WI

Minutes of Special Town Meeting of the Electors
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Chairman Mike Anderson called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m. at the Town Shed, 2181 20th St., Comstock, WI. Present were Supervisors, Richard Naessen and Joe Zaspel; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz and 13 town residents.

Review Estimates for addition to town shed – Chairman Anderson did not have any written estimates to present. A verbal estimate was quoted from ABC Lumber stating it would cost an estimated \$40,000 to complete the shell portion of proposed addition. Discussion followed including the possibility to rent shed space from local resident. No action was taken.

Review Estimates to install drilled well at the town shed – Chairman Anderson called three well drillers. Kraemer Well Drilling responded and provided verbal estimate of \$4065 to drill a well at 80 feet in depth with a 6-inch casing. Kraemer roughly estimated it would cost between \$1500 - \$2500 to drop the well, plumbing and supplies to complete installation.

Discussion: Where would the well be drilled? The most reasonable location would be northwest of the Town Shed on the other side of the driveway. Overall cost for completion is estimated to be \$10,000. Kraemer could start project as early as the week of September 18th.

\$15,000 was approved by the electors at a prior meeting for shed improvements. To date, those funds have not been spent and remain in the general fund.

Motion by Deb Schadegg to utilize funds in the general fund, up to \$10,000, to complete the installation of well. Further discussion ensued regarding the cost. One resident recently paid \$10,000 just for the drilling of well. Therefore \$10,000 would possibly not be sufficient to complete the project. Motion failed due to lack of Second. djm

Motion by Deb Schadegg to utilize funds in the Town General Fund up to \$15,000 to complete the installation of well, including plumbing. Seconded by Popenhagen. Vote: ~~Yes – 1~~, No – 1. Motion Carried.

Yes - 12 djm

Discuss 5-year plan for additional shed improvements – Discussion: There are currently multiple venues available to hold meetings so what is the push to make major shed improvements? Election laws have changed over the years and the need for handicap accessible bathrooms with proper flushing toilets is necessary to comply with Election location inspections. With additional purchases of equipment so that the township can efficiently complete road maintenance, there is an additional need for storage space and functional work space to maintain equipment. Another option that was mentioned was to purchase another property with existing buildings that would meet our needs. No action was taken.

There being no further agenda items, Motion by Richard Naessen, seconded by Joe Zaspel to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Electors 7:00 p.m.