

Town of Johnstown, Polk County, Wisconsin
Minutes of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting
April 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Shed, 2181 County Rd G, Comstock, WI. There were 4 residents, the Chairman, 2 Supervisors and the Clerk present. Reviewed the general rules of order.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were presented. **Motion by Roy Price, seconded by Richard Naessen to approve the minutes. Yes – 8, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

Voting was completed by show of hands.

The 2019 Financial Report was presented and reviewed by the clerk. **Motion by Richard Naessen, seconded by Kitty Anderson to approve the 2019 Financial Report. Yes – 8, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Debris in Ditches: Roy Price asked about the plans of Town to clean up the ditches on Pipe Lake Ln. Drainage is poor and the road needs gravel. Chairman Anderson will be contacting property owners regarding possible culvert replacements that may be necessary to make the needed improvements to the road. There is also concern of debris being placed in the west ditch that inhibits waterflow.

Motion by Roy Price to send a letter to the property owners on Pipe Lake Ln stating that debris cannot be dumped in the ditches. It must be disposed of elsewhere. If debris has to be removed by the township, the landowner(s) will be charged \$250 per incident. Seconded by Joe Zaspel. Yes – 8, No – 0. Motion Carried.

Public Dock on Pipe Lake – the dock will not be put in place until further notice due to the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order that is currently effective until May 24, 2020.

Finances – Discussion was had regarding borrowing funds to complete road projects and possible addition to town shed. Zaspel presented options from WI State Trust Funds (rate 2.50% to 4.00%) vs. Cumberland Federal (rate 2.95%) for up to 60 months. Borrowing a lump sum would enable the town to complete full projects or portion of roadway vs. only doing small sections at a time.

Motion by Richard Naessen to borrow up to \$400,000, 5-year term at 2.95% from Cumberland Federal primarily for road maintenance. Complete the projects in process [220th/20th; shoulder Long Lake Ln] and use the remaining funds to fix problem roads by priority. If there are funds remaining, there would be discussions to improve the meeting space at the town shed. All projects exceeding \$5,000 would be put to formal bidding process. Seconded by Roy Price. Yes – 8, No – 0. Motion carried.

FEMA Projects from July 19, 2019 Storm Damage are in the final approval stage. \$150,835.69 was submitted. The Town is eligible for reimbursement of \$113,126.77. \$60,000 will be used to replenish the Equipment reserve fund. \$55,000 will be used to pay off the balance of the loan that was taken out in 2019 to complete cleanup and the balance will be used for normal town use.

Road Work for 2020: Long Lake Lane shouldering and LRIP project at the intersection of 220th Ave. and 20th St. will be top priority for 2020. Other projects mentioned were 40th St.; resurface Polk Barron St around Staples Lake; east/west section of Long Lake Ln. More projects will be added after the annual road inspection.

Private snow plowing – Discussion was had to possibly discontinue plowing private roads/driveways. No decision was made.

Debris Dump Site – Does the town have a place for residents to dump tree/leaf debris? Not at this time. Further research will need to be completed to determine if we can find a proper site for future use.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Salary – more discussion was had regarding the salary of the chairperson and supervisor positions. No action was taken. This will be an agenda item at the fall electors meeting prior to the Annual Budget Hearing.

The 2021 Annual Town Meeting will be held (the third Tuesday) April 20, 2021.

There being no further topics for discussion, **Motion by Mike Anderson, seconded by Kitty Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Show of hands was used. Yes – 8, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN AT THE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.