

Town of Johnstown, Polk County, Wisconsin
Minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting
April 17, 2018

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 11 residents, including the Chairman, 2 Supervisors, Clerk and Treasurer present. Chairman Anderson reviewed the general rules of order.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were presented. **Motion by Doug Rouzer, seconded by Dan Lowe to approve the minutes. Yes – 11, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

Voting: **Motion by Doug Rouzer that any voting to be done by the casting of private ballots, unless otherwise requested. Seconded by Brad Chase. Yes – 11, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

The 2017 Financial Report was presented and reviewed by the clerk. **Motion by Arnie Peer, seconded by Doug Rouzer to approve the 2016 Financial Report. Yes – 11, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

Town Truck: Chairman Anderson gave an update on town truck. It is currently being stored at Supervisor Naessen's home due to soft ground at the Doster shed where it was previously being stored. Anderson has been the main driver of truck and it's been used for small snowfall removal, clearing slush, etc. Further discussion was had regarding future use.

Salaries: Deanne Moravitz presented a review of salaries of surrounding municipalities. Discussion was had regarding a raise of salaries for board members and the appointment of successor clerk and/or treasurer in the event of current clerk and/or treasurer being unable or unwilling to serve.

Motion by Deanne Moravitz to raise the salary of clerk to \$10,000 annually, and the salary of Treasurer to \$5000 annually, effective in the next term of town board members which is April 2019. Seconded by Dan Lowe. Chairman Anderson appointed Don Dipprey and Brad Chase to tally the ballots. Yes – 7, No – 3. Motion Carried.

Wage review: wages of general labor, backup grader operator and use of lawn mower, light tractor, skid steer and other odd jobs were discussed. **Motion by Brad Chase to make the following changes: Backup Grader Operator from \$18 to \$20 per hour; General Town Labor from \$16 to \$20 per hour. Yes – 8, No – 1.**

Equipment Rental: Not including operator: **Motion by Deanne Moravitz to combine the titling of "Tractor only", "Tractor & Loader", "Tractor & Blade", to "Tractor/Loader/Skid Steer" with a rate of \$50 per equipment meter hour. Seconded by Joe Zaspel. Voice vote was unanimously agreed to be used. Yes – 10, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

Public Services: Discussion was had regarding snow plowing and grading done with use of town grader and town truck. The rate has remained the same for an unknown number of years, yet costs for fuel and maintenance has risen. **Motion by Deanne Moravitz to adjust the Public charge for services to the following: Snow removal on "Private Driveway" from \$15 to \$20 per occurrence; add "snow removal on private drives servicing more than one household" \$60 per occurrence; Grading services unchanged at \$90 per hour; effective date September 1, 2018. Seconded by Brad Chase. Yes – 10, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

Dust control: Dan Lowe requested options for dust control on West Pipe lake Ln. Discussion. Chairman Anderson will do more research and check with surrounding municipalities to see what options are available.

Shed Addition: With the purchase of more equipment to service the township, there is an added need for storage. Discussion was had regarding what might be best. **Motion by Richard Naessen to seek cost estimates from local contractors for the addition of a 48' x 32' building on the west end of the existing shed. Voice vote was used. Yes – 10, No – 0. Motion Carried.**

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting will be held the third Tuesday in April.

There being no further topics for discussion, **Motion by Don Dipprey, seconded by Brad Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Voice vote was used. Yes – 10, No – 0. Motion Carried.**