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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: APRIL 13, 2010

Peggy Nimz, town chairperson, opened the Annual Elector Meeting at 7:00 P.M. There were 24 qualified electors present.

Board members present: Peggy Nimz, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Walter Camp, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk.

The clerk handed out the 2009 Financial Statements.

Ms. Nimz asked if there were any questions from the floor.

Brian Sherren asked why the debt reserve fund did not show up on the monthly golf course report. Ms. Nimz stated that Boyd Best and Lee Christensen were not in attendance and they would have the answers. Ms. Janssen stated that the debt reserve fund with \$250,000 last showed up on the golf course report in 2008. Ms. Nimz said that she would have Boyd Best present at the May town board meeting to explain his accounting system. Mr. Sherren stated that it was the entire town board's responsibility to know how money is being spent at the golf course. Ms. Janssen stated that the previous town board, of which Mr. Sherren was chairman, was wrong in having an accountant keep the golf course records. They are to be kept by the town. Ms. Nimz also stated that Boyd Best has insisted that the golf course finances are fine. He has stated, however, that the course might have to take out a short-term loan to cover the June bonding payment.

Judy Kohout asked how the golf course bills are paid. Mr. Vojta stated that he goes through the golf course bills each month and then Boyd Best pays them.

Pat Falkenstern stated that she thought that when new people are elected to the town board that they should read the Wisconsin Statutes and not just follow what the previous board has done. Ms. Falkenstern also stated that some time ago, she suggested that the golf course accounts be audited.

Ellen Allen asked why there was a Red Brick Schoolhouse electric bill when the school was shut down. Ms. Nimz stated that the electricity was still turned on. The town records are stored there.

Gary Guymon asked if the town had spent \$21,000 on a bulldozer and if the town had also purchased a trailer for the bulldozer. Ms. Nimz stated that the trailer was budgeted for in the 2010 budget. The trailer that was purchased in 2009 was a utility trailer for the lawnmower.

Brian Sherren was concerned about the increase in the town levy. Mr. Martens explained that the loan payments for 2010 had increased, but that some of the revenues such as interest received had decreased. Mr. Martens also noted that the new First National Bank loan payment had to be taken off of the top of the levy for 2010. Mr. Sherren stated that he thought that it was time that the town board stopped buying "stuff" and that the board needed to cut.

Ellen Allen stated that in 1997, the town was debt free and that all of the things that had been purchased since cost money to maintain.

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Mr. Radtke thanked Mr. Sherren for bringing the golf course debt reserve fund to the town board's attention.

Motion Tim Nagel seconded by Wally Geist that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned 7:48 P.M.

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Chairman

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