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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: APRIL 17, 2018

Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the annual elector meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Tom Christensen, Doug Olson, Jim Swenson, Ted Ritter, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were a total of 61 qualified electors and two visitors in attendance.

The town clerk administrated the oath of office to newly elected supervisor #1 Ted Ritter and supervisor #2 Brian Cooper.

Motion Marv Anderson seconded Karen Anderson that the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Annual Elector Meeting be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

The clerk distributed the financial statements for 2017.

Mr. Christensen opened the floor for comments.

Karen Grace: Ms. Grace asked about the ambulance service. Mr. Christensen stated that the service should be starting in June or July. Some of the people are still taking training classes. Some people are from out of state and need to be recertified. The agreement with Plum Lake has been signed. St. Germain is paying Plum Lake \$100 for each resident of St. Germain who is transported by the Plum Lake ambulance. St. Germain has made a payment of \$3,500.00 for the first quarter of 2018. When the service from St. Germain is started, Plum Lake will be paying \$100 for each transport by St. Germain.

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke asked what the carryover balance was for 2017. Ms. Janssen stated that it was around \$65,000. Mr. Radtke asked if the golf course showed a profit in 2017. Mr. Martens stated that the balance at the end of the year was \$83,587 after all of the bills had been paid. Mr. Radtke asked that if now since the golf course loan had been paid off, would the town board now be putting money into the town coffers. Mr. Christensen stated that the course would be replacing a pump for \$120,000 this year. Also, going forward, the course will be purchasing six golf carts per year so as to not have a large purchase all at one time. Mr. Christensen added that if there was any money available, he would like it to be put towards some special project rather than just repairing roads, etc. Mr. Radtke asked how much had been allocated for roads for 2018. Mr. Christensen answered that work is being planned for Lost Colony Road, Found Lake Road, and Dean Road. The board doesn't have bids yet, but Mr. Christensen estimated that the cost would be upwards of \$400,000. If the electors keep the same levy for debt, and the same amount of road work is done every two years, the debt could be paid off and the tax rate would not have to be increased. Mr. Christensen also added that the areas by the culverts on Big St. Germain Drive and Ole Hwy. C would be blacktopped this spring. Mr. Radtke asked what was happening with the Fern Ridge property that had been purchased last year. Mr. Christensen stated that the non-motorized trail committee is working on ideas for the property. One thought is for a sledding hill in the yard waste facility site. If that were to happen, the yard waste facility might be moved to the transfer station and old landfill site on Pedycourt Road, with DNR permission.

Kathy Zaffrann: Ms. Zaffrann asked for a quick synopsis of the building project and when the vote would be. Mr. Christensen briefly described the options that had been provided by Funktion Design Studios. Mr. Christensen also noted that the last proposal that had been discussed was to still demolish the Red Brick Schoolhouse, but to keep the community center, remove the interior walls and convert the building into more of a recreational center. The kitchen and bathrooms would be removed. A new building would house the bathrooms, kitchen, large and small meeting rooms, town offices, a vault and storage rooms. The present ball park might have to be moved to provide additional parking. The new idea has been submitted to Funktion Design. Mr. Christensen was told that it probably be May before they could work on it. There will be a special elector meeting to vote on demolishing the Red Brick Schoolhouse; to vote on constructing the new building; and to vote on borrowing the necessary amount of money.

Ron Zaffrann: Mr. Zaffrann asked if an elector meeting was the proper way to vote on the project. He asked why the board wasn't having a referendum question. Mr. Christensen stated that the statutes required that removing real property, adding real property, and approving money for projects were powers of an elector meeting. The meeting will probably be in June or July. There would be a preprinted ballot with the questions. Mr. Christensen is going to check with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to see if there is a special procedure for appropriating money. .

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Marv Anderson: Mr. Anderson asked if the ISO rating had been changed. Mr. Christensen asked insurance agent Jon Strom. Mr. Strom stated that homeowners should check with their agents to make sure that their policies show a protection class six. Some properties farther from the fire department might be higher. Mr. Christensen added the purchase of the new tanker truck last year helped to lower the rating. Mr. Anderson asked about the \$60,000 that had been levied for the public works equipment fund. Ms. Janssen stated that it had been transferred into the public works equipment fund at the bank.

Roger Weber: Mr. Weber noted that the town board had voted to go ahead with the Funktion Design option #4. Since the board had now submitted a new plan to Funktion Design, Mr. Weber asked if the board was now starting over. Mr. Christensen stated that the board was not starting over. Mr. Weber noted that there have been problems with the roof on the community center. Mr. Christensen stated that Funktion Design is aware of the problems and that the roof is a Michigan roof. Mr. Weber asked is the board was still looking into an outdoor recreation committee. Mr. Christensen stated that he had two volunteers so far. Marion Janssen and Wally Geist also volunteered. Mr. Christensen noted that the board was working a 50-50% grant application for a new washroom at the far end of the town park. Mr. Weber asked that if the ballpark was moved, had the DNR given the town permission to move the light pole with the Osprey nest. Mr. Christensen didn't know. Mr. Weber asked if School Road would need to be closed because of the new building. Mr. Christensen stated that the plans had not been finalized yet.

Lori Huelskamp: Ms. Huelskamp asked if she could paint the concrete block entrances to Indian Woods. Mr. Christensen asked that she show the town board what color she picked out. .

John Cooper: Mr. Cooper suggested that the town sell bricks from the Red Brick Schoolhouse as souvenirs. Mr. Christensen stated that there was also woodwork that someone might want. The board would consider things like that when the time comes..

_____ : A man asked if there were any other national type companies such as Dollar General that have expressed an interest in St. Germain. Mr. Christensen stated that there were none that he knew of.

There were no other questions or comments from the floor. Motion Joyce Owens seconded Bob Schell that the meeting be adjourned to the third Tuesday in April 2019. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned 8:12 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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