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## MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: APRIL 8, 2008

Peggy Nimz, town chairperson, opened the Annual Elector Meeting at 7:00 P.M. There were 97 qualified electors present.

Board members present: Peggy Nimz, Fred Radtke, Todd Wiese, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk.

The clerk handed out the 2007 Financial Statements.

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

There were no comments. Therefore, Tim Ebert made a motion to adjourn, but Mary Platner asked to speak. Mr. Ebert withdrew his motion.

Mary Platner had a handout concerning the purchase of a new fire truck. Ms. Platner read through the handout. Patty Schoppe suggested that the town board and fire department get together to solve the problem of a new fire truck.

Motion Robert Foley seconded Robert Myers that the town exceed the statutory amount of \$450,000 for roadwork by an amount of \$448,000. A lengthy discussion followed.

Tim Nagel noted that perhaps instead of spending \$600,000 on a fire truck and \$448,000 on roads, the town should tighten its purse strings. Brian Sherren noted that between 2007 and 2008, the town was already spending almost \$1,000,000 for roads. Pat Falkenstern asked Mr. Sherren what we should do. Mr. Sherren noted that Land O Lakes had purchased a fire truck for under \$300,000. Tim Ebert stated that the Land O Lakes truck did not compare to what was being proposed. If the town's present 1995 truck were purchased today, it would cost about \$435,000. Mr. Ebert asked why we should go backwards.

Mary Platner noted that the town needed a long-range plan and that all of the roads should be prioritized. Tom Christensen asked how the town board proposed to pay for these things. Mr. Benecke suggested that the town board have a referendum question.

Tom Martens noted that the discussion had gotten off track. Mr. Foley's motion concerned roadwork not a fire truck. Ms. Nimz called for the question. By a show of hands: Yes – 28; No – 34. Motion failed.

Pat Falkenstern suggested that the town board come up with a proposal that would combine the costs of everything that is needed. Mr. Radtke noted that the town board had done that last fall, but the people at the budget hearing defeated the proposal.

Tom Martens noted that if the town board were considering a referendum question, everything would have to be ready sometime in August in order for all of the required notices to be posted.

Ellen Allen suggested that an aisle be put down the center of the floor so that people on both sides could hear.

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Barb Zimmerman asked if the town board had included a fence for the skateboard park in the budget. As of right now, it is not included.

Robert Foley suggested that next time the meeting should be held somewhere else. Tom Christensen once again offered the commons area at the elementary school.

Clyde Owens noted that if the question would go to a referendum, the people would only be looking out for their pocketbooks. He thought that there would have to be a considerable amount of educating done. Motion Joe Koscielniak seconded Clyde Owens that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned 8:22 P.M.

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