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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: APRIL 19, 2016

Call To Order: Chairman, Tom Christensen, called the annual elector meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Oath of Office: Mr. Christensen gave the oath of office to Ted Ritter, Supervisor #1 and John Vojta, Supervisor #2. Mr. Christensen stated that although it is not required, he wants to continue with the oath of office because he feels that it is important for the elected official to swear to uphold the laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin in front of the electors.

Board Members Present: Tom Christensen, John Vojta, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk was absent. There were also 44 qualified electors in attendance.

The clerk had prepared the financial statements for 2015. They were available to the people in attendance.

Motion Doug Olson seconded Tim Clark to dispense with the reading of the Annual Elector Meeting minutes from April 21, 2015. By a voice vote Yes – 44, No – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Christensen noted that in 2014 the duties of the constable had been reduced to animal control officer. WisStat60.10(4) allows for the position of constable to be eliminated or changed to an appointed position by a vote at an annual elector meeting. If nobody steps forward for the position, there are companies available in the county. Motion Carolyn Ritter seconded Mary Platner that the elected position of constable be eliminated and be replaced with an appointed position of animal control officer. By a voice vote: Yes – 44; No – 0. Motion carried. The change will be effective at the end of the current term of office on April 17, 2017.

Mr. Christensen opened the floor for comments:

Mary Platner: Ms. Platner stated that Don Baumann has been doing a very good job as animal control officer. In fact, he is one of the best animal control officers in the Vilas County.

Marion Janssen: Ms. Janssen stated that she had brought a complaint about an excessive number of dogs at a residence adjacent to her home quite some time ago. Ms. Janssen asked that the town board do something about the dogs and enforce the ordinance that is in place.

Sandy Summers: Ms. Summers also added that she lives on Henry Drive in Colona Estates and that one of her neighbors also has too many dogs.

Victor Summers: Mr. Summers asked what legal means could be used to control dogs. The town has the option of a Municipal Judge and also circuit court.

Tom Christensen: Mr. Christensen noted things that the town board had accomplished last year and things that they hoped to accomplish this year: (1) The Community Center and Red Brick Schoolhouse would be dealt with this year. There is a proposal to have an engineering firm do a study of what would be the most cost effective use of both properties. (2) The dog ordinance would be cleaned up and made enforceable. (3) The planning & zoning committee would be reformed. Chapter one of the town zoning ordinance needs some rewrites. A planning commission would be formed to work on the town's long range plan. (4) If the town

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board doesn't borrow, the entire town debt will be paid off in 2017. A new patrol truck will be paid for, including the sale of the old truck, without borrowing in 2016 & 2017. The board is considering borrowing for road work since the oil prices are low. One project would be Lost Lake Drive North. Some property owners along Lost Lake Drive North need to run sewer lines under the roadway. A quote to reconstruct the road will include the cost of installing sewer lines now rather than having to tear up the new blacktop. (5) The golf course debt will also be paid off in 2017. Some new pieces of equipment have been purchased. It should cost around \$150,000 to replace the worn out parts of the irrigation system. There is a plan to replace the golf carts on a rotation basis rather than purchasing the entire fleet at one time. (6) The Awassa Trail and bike and hike trail are being maintained. (7) The new fire department tanker truck along with the old tanker truck should help to lower the homeowner's insurance rates.

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta added: (1) The road limits have been removed except for a portion of Four Corner Lane near the intersection with Found Lake Road. (2) There is a plan to a permit fee of \$75 to \$100 for allowing propane trucks to use town roads while the road limits are on. The permit would be for one delivery for one household per year. It would not include emergencies such as a septic failure. (3) The bike & hike trail and town road intersections should be swept by the end of next week. (4) New road signs with green backgrounds and 6" white letters will be installed at the town roads that intersect with STH155, STH70 and Cty. Hwy. C. Red reflective ribbons will wrapped around the sign posts at the intersections that do not have street lights.

Ted Ritter: Mr. Ritter stated that he would like to update the town's website. Right now it is used mainly for minutes. It would no longer take weeks or months for items to be placed on the website. Mr. Ritter would be the webmaster. In the future, if the town has regular office hours, the town clerk and treasurer would be the webmasters. Each town entity could add its own information. The website would still be maintained by a third party.

Marion Janssen: There was a question concerning delinquent room tax. Ms. Janssen stated that at this time, there are no delinquent room tax accounts. If there are people out there who are renting and not paying room tax, she needs to be notified. People who are late pay a penalty and interest. The rental agencies are usually the ones that are late. Letters are sent to the property owners who are represented by the rental agency.

Hearing no other comments or questions, Mr. Christensen called for motion to adjourn. Motion Roger Weber seconded Tim Clark that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes—44, No—0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:59 P.M.

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