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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING April 19, 2022

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the annual elector meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 43 community members were in attendance of which all were qualified electors
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Ted Ritter and Brian Cooper were sworn in by Tom Christensen**
- 4. Approval of minutes from April 20, 2021 annual meeting.** Motion by Tim Clark to approve minutes as presented from April 20, 2021; second Carolyn Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- 5. Revenues and Expenditures for fiscal year 2021 and town indebtedness handouts.** No discussion and no questions.
- 6. Comments from citizens:**

Fiberoptic project – Comments from Bob Schell, Jack Bourgeois, Tim Clark, Ken Dahnke and Lisa Penner. Charter coming through town with fiberoptic. Question whether this is fiberoptic. Spectrum is offering internet in town. What is the direction ChoiceTel is hooking up now? How many have signed up? Ted Ritter encouraged those who were not signed up for ChoiceTel to sign up via the town's website. Tom Christensen explained ChoiceTel will be starting relatively soon again. Route of fiberoptic discussed and where junction boxes are. Currently over 1000 have signed up for Choice Tel.

Phil Monday – Commended the DPW crew for taking care of roads this winter with being a man short. Tom Christensen mentioned the town was fortunate to have Jimmy Vogel help out and also Travis Fowler.

Mark Pitman – Questioned widening channel between Big St Germain Lake and Lake Content. This is a lake district project. Don Baumann from Big Germain Lake District indicated the project going forward and in the process of taking possession of the land. The lake district will own the channel. Getting estimates to widen.

Tim Clark – Saw ad for hiring a seasonal DPW with potential to be full time. What projects are planned for this summer? Tom Christensen explained with Tom Stoltman being out until potentially beginning of June or later due to work comp injury, the position will help hedge spring and summer duties.

Bob Schell – When will the potholes be repaired. The weather needs to be warmer to do correctly.

Stacy Swenson – How are the roads being prioritized to have potholes filled? DPW will be doing getting out as weather breaks to assess and determine.

Tom Christensen – Explained pavilion soda blasting process.

Phil Monday – Is yard waste was open? Waiting for road limits to lift and ground to firm up.

Mark Pitman – Is the cart barn project going forward? Construction will be starting once snow melts and ground hardens. Completion date is anticipated midAugust 2022.

Nathan Gebhardt – What is the status of the fire department roof? Roof should be finished shortly. Disappointing process that has happened. Town board took extra steps for good contractor and that did not work here. Redesign with furnace and exhaust seemed to have helped with ice heaves. Tim Clark asked if there were penalties of contractor? Town in position to talk about extra expenses incurred and that being the responsibility of the contractor.

Jack Bourgeois – Is Birch Spring drive project completed? The asphalt aprons will be completed this spring. Final graded has to be completed this spring, it is on Pitlik's list. DNR (Dept of Forestry) gave us \$140,000 to upgrade road.

Jack Bourgeois - Any plans to do something with Pedycort like Birch Spring drive? No plan at the time to improve Pedycort. State funds are not available for Pedycort. DPW filled in potholes on Pedycort last fall, should be passable now.

Phil Monday– Is the board looking on spending money on Whitetail? No, that is off the table.

Ed Siergiej – Can board chairs be elevated to see faces of board members?

Alan Breck – Thanked the board for working to reduce speed limit through town. Why is a portion of it now at 45 mph from 40 mph? Discussion of speed study and what the speed study showed and how DOT determines qualified speed.

7. Set date and time for 2023 annual meeting. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

8. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Town Clerk