TOWN OF BARTON

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

Notice of this meeting was given to the public by posting on the municipal boards and by posting on Town Website: townofbarton.net.

1. Chairman Kris Turner called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Affidavit of posting was read.
2. Those in attendance were Supervisors Mike Dricken, Dan Mueller, Bill Russell, and Clayton Eggie. Zoning Administrator, Steve Wendelborn, Clerk Sherry Eckert and four concerned citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those present.
3. Dan Mueller made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2023, Annual Town Meeting. Mike Dricken seconded. Motion carried, unanimous.
4. Oath of Office had been administered to newly elected officers prior to the annual meeting.
5. Questions and answer session from the public to the Town Board. Joe Peters mentioned that the meeting was approved at 7:30 p.m. last year. Chairman Turner stated that was an oversight and that it was posted on website and bulletin boards at 7:15 p.m. Joe also commented that he did not like the new website. Items were difficult to find. This was also noted by another town resident that the board meeting only came up as Annual meeting. Clerk did not comment but will look into. Ken Ramthun pointed out a discrepancy in the Summary of Statement of Revenues Collected and Expenditures Paid. Chairman and clerk will look at.
6. Chairman Turner reported that in 2023: Purchases were Workhorse was exclusively used as Town accounting system. The treasurer did a great job implementing. Badger Books were used and well received that it made the elections efficient and reconciliation simpler.

DPW: Three of the original trucks were sold. The Town purchased a truck from Town of West Bend and a freightliner truck. The Freightliner was redone by Jackson Body Shop to have a flatbed and plow installed. This truck will be used on an as needed basis for subdivisions only and year-round use. Brine systems were purchased for the snowplow trucks. A brine tank was also purchased for the Freightliner for the next snow season to brine hills, curves and intersections prior to an ice event or snow event.

Beaver Dam Rd was wedged and overlayed from just east of Kettle View to Wildwood. Salisbury from Newark to Newark was ditched, curbed and reseeded.

Application for Woodford Dr. steel bridge replacement was accepted at 100% by State.

2023 ROW tree trimming and cutting was done. Many dead Ash trees are falling on roadways and being proactive is important.

Proposed for 2024: Kettle Moraine Dr from Newark approximately 1 mile will be pulverized and relayed. Bids will be reviewed for double chip seal on Susan Lee Court and Schuster Dr from Colt Circle East about 2400 feet to be wedged and repaved. ROW tree trimming will continue. Application for Lighthouse Lane Bridge was sent to State. Should hear if it was accepted in next several weeks. Town of West Bend may have another snowplow truck for sale and it will be considered.

1. The past snow season was unique as there was 18 inches of snow in less than a week, truck failures, rental of snow plow truck and upset residents. Each snow event was a lesson in that we learned how and when to plow. Turner Commended the drivers. The salt shed is full.
2. Other business pursuant to sec. 60.10, Wisconsin Stats. Copies of the Annual Financial Report were provided to those that were interested.

Shared Revenues from County for the sales tax new for 2024. Washington County Highway Dept. will be doing work for the Town. Labor will be credited to our $26,000 allotment, we will pay for materials only. In 2023 our truck rental was applied to our account. County will be working on road and ditch repairs when possible.

1. Mike Dricken made a motion to hold the 2025 Annual Town Meeting on the third Tuesday of April, April 15, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. Town Constituent, Joe Peters, seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the 2024 Town of Barton Annual Meeting of the Electors was made by Dan Mueller and seconded by Mike Dricken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk