Town of Breed 2025 Annual Electors Meeting

April 15, 2025, 6:00PM

Breed Community Center

11155 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174

Meeting was called to order at 6:04PM. 50 Members of the public in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Phil Christenson, Supervisors Tim Mitchell and Mark Quandt, Treasurer Ethel Firgens, and Clerk Kristen Telford all present.

Review was made of the agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Approved.

Review was made of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Deven Babicky, seconded by Margaret Nauke. Approved.

Financial Report for 2024 was presented. Questions answered about specific expenditures. Motion to approve the 2024 Financial Report made by Rick Geneske, seconded by Deven Babicky. Approved.

Suring Fire Department activity report, contract amount and duration presented. Most activity performed for the town was lift assists.

Gillett Area Ambulance Service reported 39 calls; Town accounted for 7% of volume. Contract costs presented.

Animal Control officer Ryan Giese reported town activity, an incident of a dog bite to one of the AC officers, an additional AC officer starting, and a change to how citations are processed for the town.

Recycling Center activity has increased; big roll off dumpsters are in place. Electronics now free to drop off. James Telford will assist Pat LeBlanc for the summer.

Road Report: First part of Nauke Rd has been resurfaced. River Bend, Sand Valley, and Redwood Lanes have been chip sealed. River Rd was crack-sealed. Questions about when S Branch Rd will be redone and when Blue Rd will be graded. Chris Hellem presented his own cost analysis report for snowplowing. Does not agree with the Town Board on plowing its own roads. Wants his report added to the minutes. Extensive discussion.

Chairman Christenson addressed the reason for property tax increases for taxpayers.

Motion to allow the Town Board to do roadwork deemed necessary made by Deven Babicky, seconded by Bruce Cook. Carried.

Motion to allow Town Board to set the tax levy for the next year made by Deven Babicky, seconded by Bruce Cook. Carried.

Extensive discussion on employee wages and per diem compensation. Motion to set per diem at $25/hr rescinded. Second motion to set per diem for meetings and trainings at $15/hr made by Bruce Cook, seconded by Deven Babicky. 1 opposed. Carried.

Motion to set supervisor/employee hourly wage at $10 made by Rick Geneske, seconded by Dan Prouty. 13 ayes, 17 nos. Motion voted down.

Motion to set supervisor/employee wage at $15/hr made by Deven Babicky, seconded by Brian Moran. 21 ayes, 6 nos. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Tuesday April 21, 2026 for next year's Annual Meeting made by Deven Babicky, seconded by Bruce Cook. Approved.

Recognition was given to retiring Supervisor Tim Mitchell. A plaque and card was presented with a meal to follow meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Deven Babicky, seconded by James Telford. Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Draft Minutes

Kristen Telford, Town of Breed Clerk