

Town of Dodge

Annual Meeting - April 15, 2024

Residents in attendance: Kara Wener, Joseph Wener, Dave Kujak, Dan Lilla, Becky Tiedje, Ken Frahm, Mark Frahm, Marcella Frahm, Brian Klink, Judy Anderson, Charles Kulas, Carol Suchla

Chairman Lilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chairman Lilla asked if public notice requirements were met for the meeting; Clerk Wener affirmed public notice requirements were met.

Clerk Wener read the annual meeting minutes from 2024. Mark Frahm made motion to accept and approve the minutes as read. Seconded by David Kujak. Verbal vote. Motion carried.

Right to Borrow Money: Discussed the right to borrow money in case of emergency. Mark Frahm made motion to authorize the town to borrow money in case of emergency. Joe Wener seconded. Verbal vote. Motion carried.

Co-aid Road Petition: Lilla noted the town petitioned the county for \$13,143 with a town portion of \$19,714. Typically, the town sees an additional \$1000 added as a bridge petition. This is in line with last year's amounts.

Projects and Road Updates: Chairman Lilla - 2025 road projects to be conducted work on Galewski Road, culvert repair at a failed culvert, bridge maintenance and possible sealcoating of Schmickle Valley Road. Consideration and determination of additional projects will occur in May/June at a regular board meeting. Mark Frahm encouraged a seal coat of recent overlay of Schmickle Valley rather than further overlay of Schmickle Valley.

Broadband Update: Chairman Lilla – Projects have yet to be selected. The State of Wisconsin received 426 applications and expects to award at the end of May.

Fire Department: Ken Frahm provided the following update:

- The new SBCA air packs are in use and this was a critical need for the fire department as it ensure fire personnel safety.
- Considering a high pressure unit in the future, but that is an eventual purchase

First Responders Update: Ken Frahm provided the following update:

- The first responders are holding a calendar raffle fundraiser; calendars must be purchased by June 1

Arcadia Ambulance Service Update: Kara Wener, Town Rep on the Arcadia Ambulance Board, was given the floor. The following updates were provided:

- A new ambulance has been ordered with delivery anticipated in 2026
- The town has made it's fourth loan payment on the facility as part of our dues payment

- Retention and hiring of EMT's has not been an issue; it is believed the new facility has helped to attract new employees and retain old. Suspect future issue.

Garbage and Recycling: Lilla noted the Spring clean up will be held on Saturday, May 10; no tires, appliances, or demolition will be accepted and there is a \$15 charge for mattresses and couches. Supervisor Kujak noted STCSWC can accept electronics and appliances from town residents.

Dodge Sanitary District: Charles Kulas, Operator of the Dodge Sanitary District shared financials. Noted he has reviewed the use of the CDs the sanitary district had used in the past and it appears they were cashed in for operational purchases.

Town Financial Report: Clerk Wener made sure copies of the Town financial report were shared with all in attendance. Floor was opened for questions.

Other topics: Chairman Lilla asked if there were any other topics to discuss.

Carol Suchla is concerned about the look around Dodge, with unkept lawns, debris in yards, etc. Chairman Lilla noted the town has no authority to require clean up. At an upcoming road meeting, Lilla will check with County Highway Department about issues along the Cty J Road right of way. County Health may be able to step in, if it's a health and safety issue.

Judy Anderson is concerned about smell of manure this spring. Noted she understands farmers have a short time to do their work, but wondered if they could hold off until the winds shift. Chairman Lilla noted the town has no authority to request farmers adjust their work.

Mark Frahm asked about STCSWC. Dave Kujak noted it's operating and no plans to change that at this time. Mark asked the town to consider increased camera usage for the garbage and recycling facility as people are bringing in truck loads. Clerk Wener was authorized to advertise only one load per household will be accepted.

Chairman Lilla asked for any other topics. Hearing none, Chairman Lilla asked for a motion to adjourn.

Dave Kujak made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Frahm. Verbal vote motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm