

Town of Remington 2023 Annual Meeting April 18, 2023

Tonight's meeting will be recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

Chairman K. Plucinski called the annual meeting to order at 7 pm in the Remington Town Hall. 17 residents attended the 2023 Annual meeting of the Town of Remington.

Town Clerk K. Diedrick, read the minutes to the 2022 Annual Meeting. Motion by Leroy Dieckhoff to accept minutes as read. 2nd A. Ellis.

Road Reports: R. Diedrick reported the 2022 accomplishments, Seal coated Batterman road between Necedah road and Range line. Dug up and replaced culverts on Necedah road, wedging on Amundson and repaired a corner. Did a sand and gravel lift on Ball road and Cranberry road and took out a storage tank next to the fire department. T. Simonson gave the 2023 road inspection report. Need more sand and gravel on Cranberry road, and blacktop patching on Ketchum. Will resurface another section, 7100 feet, of Mckeel road cost will be \$40,000 total we have \$13,000 in 50/50 road money set aside to apply to the cost. Need to do some pothole patching on Amundson road. Ball road 1 culvert will be replaced and 1 removed, if they are in good condition will use one on Hines road. Weisner road needs a lift. Gronski road and Mihalic lane needs some gravel for a turn around. Cox and Ingram roads need some gravel. Question about Alhborn road seal coating done a few years ago. It was done too late in the season and didn't adhere to the surface like it should have. Grant application from DNR for West Fence and Weisner Road.

Spring Clean Up: Quote from A&B Roll Off, same price as 2022 \$1130.00 2 dumpsters @ \$565.00 dollars apiece. Dates will be May 17-21st 2023.

Cemetery – K. Diedrick motioned to donate \$1000.00 dollars to the Cemetery Association for 2024. 2nd by S. Blomberg. Cemetery cleanup will be 5/24/2023, will get the Wood County work crew to help. Memorial Service will be 5/28/2023 at 10:30.

RVFD- Chief Brockman reported that he has been chief for 7 ½ years now, April 17-21st is severe weather awareness week, there will be a drill on 4/20/2023. Questions about burning conditions, call 1-888-947-2876. The Brush Truck is complete, we took out a 10-year loan for \$26,000.00 and paid it off in 2023. 48 % of the cost of the brush truck was paid for by fundraising, 33% by grant money, 10 % by donations and 9% by the Town of Remington. A year ago, Camp Victory donated a Jaws of Life, about a \$20,000.00 value, the Capabilities of the fire department has increased in the last 7 ½ years. There are currently 10 members. 3 are women. Brat fry will be May 26th Various raffles including a gun and Milwaukee tool set. Challenges in the future, decontamination. Currently using wet wipes and towels. Would be nice to have running water, a restroom and a decontamination area. Inflationary pressure in the last several years has been a problem. Testing costs have increased as well as turnout gear. Budget has not increased in several years. The fire department is doing very well.

Questions were raised about what a fair budget might be and the answer by Chief Brockman was estimated at \$13,000.

Fire Department discussion continued: K. Plucinski explained what the \$26,453.49 May Pilt payment is. It is money we get from the state in lieu of taxes on the state lands in our township. We are supposed to get this payment each year. The 2022 payment is set aside in the Town Hall Fund with another payment expected in May 2023. Joann Wilkinson discussed the bathroom, decontamination station and hot running water. Mary Mckeel made a motion to set aside the May Pilt dollars for a future addition to the fire department there was a second. A vote of the town electors was taken. Yay = 10 Nay = 6. The board did not make a final decision on this. Kathy Plucinski pointed out that the board has been doing things to prepare for a potential building project in the area of the fire department. There is running water in the building, it is just not heated at the time. The soil test has been done and it was advised that 3 - 1,300 gallon holding tanks should be sufficient for any future buildings. The site has been surveyed as well. Denise Ellis wanted it to be noted on record that the Bathroom for the fire department has been requested for a number of years. Discussion about mound system versus holding tanks ensued. Travis Simonson explained we were advised that because of the soil disruption in that area we cannot install a mound system there and will have to go with holding tanks.

Wood County Highway Department 50/50: A motion was made by M. Mckeel to set aside \$4,000.00 a second was made by D. Ellis.

Audit: Denise Ellis raised the question of when the last time an audit was done. Discussion ensued and it was determined that it has been quite a number of years since one has been done. Denise made a motion to have a legitimate audit of the town's books 2nd by Leroy Dieckhoff. Mary Mckeel stated by law the town is not required to have an audit if the Clerk and Treasurer positions are separate. There are checks and balances and the Town Board is responsible for any discrepancies, and it is up to the Town Board to take on any audits they require. Both the Clerk and Treasurer's computers are backed up onto an external hard drive. It will be stored in the safe in the Town Hall. A vote was taken by the town electors on the audit Yay=11 Nay = 7. There was no final decision by the town board. The Clerk will contact an auditing firm. Mary Mckeel asked how many years we are looking for. Arnie Ellis expressed feelings that it would not be beneficial to do all years.

Town Board Pay is set by the electors. J. Wilkinson asked, "how can the town board decide to give pay to the clerk for working the elections? State Statute 60.33 subsection 4 states Clerk cannot make an hourly wage to work the elections. K. Plucinski said state statues say no we can not pay extra for the clerk to work the elections. T. Simonson asked if there was a motion and a second? The answer was yes. K. Plucinski rescinded the motion to pay the clerk for Election work. A. Ellis 2nd.

2022 Financial Report: B. Haasl motioned to withhold reading of the 2022 financial report, with a 2nd by M. Mckeel. J. Wilkinson motioned to accept the 2022 Financial Report with a second by J. Walker. A vote was taken to accept the 2022 financial report as presented. Yay = 18 Nay = 0.

Adjourn: K. Plucinski, motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by D. Ellis.

Submitted by: Brenda Haasl, Current Town Clerk