

TOWN OF SIGEL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:00PM

PLACE: Town of Sigel Town Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Goodwin, Chairman, Supervisor Tom Nieman, Supervisor Larry Pelot

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached listing in original minutes file.

1. Supervisor Nieman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Clerk Sandra Nieman read the minutes from the previous year's annual meeting. Chairman Goodwin asked if there was any objection to the minutes being approved as read. There was none. Moved by Mike Schwake, seconded by Cindy Pelot to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by hand vote, 14-0.
4. The Clerk read the 2024 Financial Statement. Goodwin asked if there was any objection to the financial statement being approved as read. Discussion ensued regarding items in the report including town official's wages, garbage disposal for the Town, road work. Mike Schwake made a motion to approve the financial statement as read, seconded by Cindy Pelot. Motion carried by hand vote, 15-0.
5. Goodwin gave an update on road work that was done in 2023. He stated that a used patrol truck was purchased. Goodwin gave an update on road work that will be completed in 2024 including the reconstruction on Swedish Rd and crack filling/seal coating on three other roads. The north end of Zubella will be pulverized and left as gravel. It is noted that all roads have a Class B road limit and if residents see offenders should let a board member know so Wood County Sheriff's Department can be notified so tickets can be issued. Enbridge has donated a 2017 Chevrolet pick-up at no charge. Joe Behlen said maybe the Town should issue over-weight permits for people using the roads with heavy loads. He also mentioned the Town should have Right-A-Way permits. He was informed that the town has a ROW permit form. He read information regarding a high-voltage line that will be going through the Town. He is asking that the Board pass a resolution be passed to have a moratorium on this high voltage line. He also asked that a resolution be sent to the Wood County Board in this regard. That item will be added to a future agenda of a Town Board meeting. Richard Cournoyer made a motion that the Town should pass such a resolution on a moratorium on the construction of this line, seconded by Dennis Hall, passed by a hand vote of 15-0. Larry Dvoran suggested that the Town act on run down properties. Goodwin said there would be a cost to enforce this item. Goodwin reminded residents that the Town is zoned, and permits are required. Goodwin thanked everyone who helps the Board to do their job, including patrol truck drivers.
6. Schwake made a motion to request the 50/50 Road and Bridge Aid with Wood County Hwy Department, Cindy Pelot seconded, motion carried by a hand vote of 15-0.
7. Moved by Dennis Hall to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$50,000 on a short-term loan if it becomes necessary, seconded by Schwake. Motion carried by hand vote, 15-0

8. Counoyer asked about renting of the Town Hall to residents. He was informed that charges to rent the hall have been raised at a recent board meeting. Dennis Hall asked if the rates for fire/EMS. Fire/EMS fees have increased. Ambulance service remains the same. Behlen asked if the board ever considered having cell phones that are paid for by the Town. He was informed that has not been considered.
9. The Town's Tire/White Goods will be held June 8th, 10AM to 4PM. with disposal fees being charged for all tires and white goods. No items including freon in it will be accepted. No electronic items will be collected this year. No flyer will be mailed again this year stating prices, but residents can pick one up on Garbage/Recycling days from the attendant or they are available at this meeting. This year no drain oil will be collected. This is a CASH ONLY payment system.
10. Behlen said that he felt that the Zoning Commissioner should get a raise. Counoyer made a motion to increase his wage to \$20/hour, seconded by Behlen. Motion passed by 12-0 with one abstention.
11. Sandra Nieman made a motion, seconded by Dennis Slattery to hold the next Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 per State Statue at 7:00PM. Motion carried by a hand vote, 13-0.
12. Moved by Mike Schwake, seconded by Dennis Hall to adjourn at 8:45PM. Motion carried by voice vote, 13-0.

Sandra Nieman, Town Clerk
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