

April 16, 2013 Annual Meeting

Prior to the Annual Meeting being called to order the Town Board was sworn in. Clerk Mary Lee Heise swore in Chairman Casper Buettner, Supervisors Susan Hawley and Jim Tilkens and Treasurer Linda Frank. Chairman Buettner then swore in Clerk Mary Lee Heise.

The 2013 Annual Meeting, as posted at the town hall, Mike's Service and Bob's Northern Lights and notice having been published in the Antigo Daily Journal, was called to order by Chairman Buettner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

Roll Call was taken and all board members were present.

The agenda for the annual meeting was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Annual Report – The revenue portion of the report was read by Treasurer Frank. The expense portion of the report was read by Clerk Heise. The clerk and treasurer balanced every month in 2012. However, the clerk made note that she is still having issues with the new accounting software. The ending balances in the annual report show that the revenues are more than the expenses. The clerk intends to review all of the entries for 2012 and will issue an updated report at that time. The report was thereafter approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Cemetery – Things are going well. Topsoil is needed and will be ordered soon.

Rescue Squad – Everything is going fine. The squad recently went thru an audit and no problems were found.

Fire Department Report – The report was given by Fire Chief, Alex Emerich. (A copy of the report is attached) The department has six new members. The dry hydrant has been installed at Sawyer Lake which will benefit all of the area by the lake. The report includes a list of the runs made by the department in 2012. The new fire truck is working well. No financial report was presented. Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Highway – The issues with the new truck are being worked out. The town roads are in rough shape, but will be reviewed soon to see what needs to be done. Discussion on Heise Road in particular, which needs to be graveled. A motion to leave the matter of highway maintenance up to the board was made by Alex Emerich and seconded by Mike Steckbauer, motion carried.

Discussion on improvements made to the hall. Six windows were replaced in 2012 and the remaining 6 will be done this year.

Old Business: Treasurer's raise – this was approved last year and goes into effect as of today.

New Business – None

Any Other Business – None

Set date for 2014 Annual Meeting – The date of April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., was set upon motion by Alex Emerich and seconded by Mike Steckbauer, motion carried.

The 2013 Annual Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Regular monthly Town Board meeting as posted, along with the annual meeting notice, at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall and published in the Antigo Daily Journal, was called to order after the annual meeting by Chairman Buettner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

The agenda was approved by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisors Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Linda Frank. The CD for equipment replacement is coming due. A portion will be moved to the Reassessment CD2 and CoVantage Savings. Motion was thereafter made to approve the treasurer's report by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. The treasurer announced that she will be in Italy in May. The May meeting date will be changed.

Non-Board member business – None

Old Business: Bridge Reports – the bridge reports from the county were reviewed. Supervisor Tilkens presented information he obtained from the State concerning bridges and assistance the town can receive for repairs. The reports gave bridge measurements that the town needs to verify. The bridges will be reviewed when road inspections are done. Supervisor Tilkens hopes to have more information for the town at that time.

New Business – Set date for audit: The treasurer and clerk records will be inspected prior to the May Board meeting on May 16th.

Date for Road Inspection – May 9th

Open Book and Board of Review – May 15th. Open Book will be from Noon until 2 p.m. and Board of Review will be from 2 to 4 P.M.

May Board Meeting – May 16th at 6:30 P.M.

ATV Ordinance amendment – The ordinance was amended to include Swenska Hills Road. The Town of Doty is voting to open roads which will connect to Swenska Hills Road. The amendment was read by the Clerk and was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried. Discussion followed on ATV's.

General Building and Plant – Windows are ordered and will be installed. The painting done by Blackwell on the south end of the hall is peeling and will have to be redone.

Highway – A larger toolbox was purchased for the shop. The town usually rents a broom for the skid steer in the spring to brush off the sand used during the winter. It was felt that the purchase of a broom was better than renting one as it can be used when town road construction is done, also. Chairman Buettner contacted each board member separately for approval. Prices were obtained from Rew Motors, Northern Equipment and Quinlan's. Rew Motor's bid was for a new broom costing \$4950 and would take one week for it to arrive. Quinlan's had a broom used for renting for \$4600. The Chairman offered \$4200 for the used broom plus the cost of new brushes of \$850. Quinlan's accepted this proposal. The broom has nylon brushes now, but the new brushes are both wire and nylon.

Rescue Squad – report was made at the annual meeting

Recycling Center – B & B containers sent the town a refund again this year in the amount of \$1308.00. This money will be put into the Credit Union Savings.

Cemetery – Winter burials discussed. Louie Bowman was contacted and he will continue to take the hay off the back portion of the cemetery. This will prevent overgrowth and weeds. The willow trees will be removed on east side of the cemetery so that the branches do not fall and cause damage to the headstones there.

Correspondence – Alliant Energy will be trimming trees in the area. Letter received from Bellin Health informing the town that no one was picked for random drug testing for the second quarter. A letter was written for Bernard Deisinger to verify that his address changed due to the road name changing. Letters received from the Dept. of Transportation regarding roadwork to be done on Highway 55 both north and south of Highway 64. Notice received from The Horton Group regarding the town officials bond. The clerk will check with Rural Insurance to make sure we have this coverage. A reminder was received to file the recycling grant. A notice regarding the MFL payment the town received and the 20% portion to be sent to the county. The insurance reimbursement has been received for the incident on Hollister Road where an electric pole had to be replaced. Listing was received of all those properties entered into either the FCL or MFL program with the Department of Natural Resources. Renewal notice from the Wisconsin Town's Association, for our yearly dues, was received. The 2012 Housing Survey from the State has been completed. The clerk has completed the Town of Wolf River's portion of the EMS funding application for the rescue squad. The culvert on Sawyer Lake Road was discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk sent an email with the town's concerns about replacing a culvert in a newly paved

road. The clerk received a phone call from the Federal Forest Service right away and was informed that the Forest Service will work with the town on this project, but the project will probably not be done until 2015.

All bills were approved for payment upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.