

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2024
7 pm at Town of Oconto Town Hall
6120 Cream City Road, Oconto

The Annual meeting for the Town of Oconto was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Patrick Scanlan. Present: Supervisor Paul Pansier, Clerk Lori Scanlan, Supervisor Chad Van Hulle, Treasurer Mandy Leonard. All others present signed the registry. (6 town residents 5 town board members for a total of 11)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman stated that the votes need to be tallied by voice, show of hands, standing, etc. Motion by T. Bitters, 2nd by D. Schroeder to tally by show of hands. 11 ayes, 0 nays M/C.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on April 18, 2023, are located at front of Annual Audit Report. Motion made by T. Bitters, 2nd by P. Pansier to accept minutes as printed and dispense with reading of minutes. 11 ayes, 0 nays M/C

Treasurer Leonard gave a summary of the Financial Report located in the Annual Report. Motion made by D. Schroeder, 2nd by Tom Bitters to accept and approve the Financial Report for the year 2023 (Jan.1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2023) as printed in the Annual Report. 11 ayes, 0 nays. M/C.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman reminded everyone a burning permit is needed and you must call in and report that you are burning to the fire department (834-7775) and Sheriff Department (834-6900). Phone numbers to call DNR are located in center of permit. Call to see if burning is allowed on that day and/or check DNR's website as well. Permits available at Robert's Hometown. Once the burning ban is lifted, then please be sure to get permits as needed for burning. Permits are good for one full year.

Chairman reported on year 2023 road work: Brushing was done in several areas of the town. Snow removal from Nov 1, 2023, through today's date was approx. \$30K. Several roads were worked on. Bay View Lane was graveled and recycled asphalt applied. Guard rail repair was done on a town road that was damaged in an accident. Damages paid for by insurance and balance will be collected on tax roll. Military Road had a few sections completed at approximately \$9,200. Frog Pond Road had the entire stretch reshouldered at a cost of \$11,500. Logtown Road had culvert repair, and asphalt work done for \$17,492. Cream City Road was redone for \$200,745.43. Cook Road had culverts replaced and paved for \$27,040. Approximate amount spent: \$345,246.00 on town road system. Several Road program grants have been applied for, waiting for award. LRIP, ARIP, TRID

Recycling Center Hours currently are Friday from 2:00 pm to 4:15 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:45 p.m.

Wages to be paid for hours currently are as follows:

Recycling Attendant in Charge rate of pay currently \$20 hr. Motion by L Scanlan 2nd by M Leonard to increase rate of pay to \$21 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays. M/C

Chief Inspector rate of pay currently is \$20 hr. Motion by L Scanlan, 2nd by P Pansier to increase rate of pay to \$21 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays

Election worker pay is currently at \$19.00 hr. Motion by L Scanlan, 2nd by K Bitters to increase the rate of pay to \$20 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays M/C

Man hour worker pay is currently \$20 hr. Motion by P Pansier, 2nd by P Scanlan to stay the same. 11 ayes 0 nays M/C

Mileage is currently at \$.56/mile. Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise to \$.67 per mile. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise the following listed items by \$1. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Truck is currently \$14.00 per hour. Raise to \$15.00 per hour. Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise by \$1 to \$15.00 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Tractor/skid loader is currently \$30.00 per hour. Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise by \$1 to \$31 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Chainsaw is at \$10.00 hr. Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise by \$1 to \$11 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Hog/Trimmer/Mower/snow blower is currently at \$16.00 hr. Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise by \$1 to \$17 per hour. 11 ayes, 0 nays, M/C

Town board hourly rate when performing work outside of duties as board member is \$20. Motion by P Scanlan, 2nd by P Pansier to remain the same. 11 ayes, 0 nays M/C

Town board wages are set in even number years for the next year's (April of odd number year) town board election. After discussion the following motions were made:

Clerk: Currently salary \$18,000.00 Motion by D. Schroeder, 2nd by D Schroeder to raise clerk salary by \$1,000 to \$19,000.00 effective with May 1, 2025, payroll. 8 ayes, 3 abstain (Scanlan & Scanlan and town resident) M/C

Chairman: Current salary \$8,000.00 Motion by T Bitters, 2nd by P Pansier to raise salary by \$500 to \$8,500.00 effective with the May 1, 2025, payroll. 9 ayes (2 abstain: Scanlan and Scanlan) M/C

Treasurer: Current salary \$8,000.00. Motion by D Schroeder, 2nd by B Pansier to raise salary by \$2,000 to \$10,000 effective with May 1, 2025, payroll. 10 ayes (1 abstain: Leonard) M/C

Supervisors: Current salary is \$4,200.00. Motion made by T Bitters, 2nd by M Leonard to raise salary by \$300 to \$4,500.00 effective with May 1, 2025, salary. 8 ayes (3 abstain: Pansier/Pansier/Van Hulle) M/C

Motion made by D. Schroeder, 2nd by D Schroeder that it be the Town Board's right to transfer funds as they see fit within accounts. 11 ayes, 0 nays. M/C.

Library apportionment update given. A committee has been established with Tom Bitters and Deb Schroeder being named to the committee, (Chairman Scanlan attends as a listener). Numerous meetings have been held the last year. Hopeful to get this issue resolved before the end of this calendar year and to get the Brown County Library billing issue resolved. Education and understanding of this complex issue is the key to all working together to get the issue(s) resolved. Next meeting is May 1st and May 14th. Will keep monitoring this important issue.

Next Annual meeting will be held on THIRD Tuesday in April which is April 15, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Town of Oconto Town Hall.

Motion made by L. Scanlan, 2nd by P. Pansier to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. M/C. 11 ayes, 0 nays. M/C.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk, Lori Scanlan

Chairman, Patrick Scanlan

Supervisor I Paul Pansier

Supervisor II Chad Van Hulle

Treasurer Mandy Leonard