

Town of Anderson
Annual Town Meeting
April 15, 2014
Located at the town hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jeremy Gronski. Public count: 16. Jessica King Clerk and Patsy Tucker Treasurer also present.

Annual financial statement: The clerk presented the 2013 annual financial statement to the town electors. Jim Loomis made a motion to accept the annual statement as read, seconded by Tim Harmon. Motion carried.

Town shop: Jeremy Gronski gave a tour of the town shop.

Gopher bounty: No changes made. The bounty will remain at \$3 per gopher tail.

Snow plowing driveways: Jeremy Gronski gave a summary of the town driveway snowplowing history in the town. The current rate for snow plowing is \$90 an hour. Motion made by Jim Loomis to keep snowplowing the way it is at \$90 an hour, seconded by Brian Louis. Motion carried.

Mail box policy: The current policy is that if the town equipment damages your pole the town will fix it. If it is snow that hits the mailbox and causes the damage it is the property owner's responsibility to fix.

Winter road maintenance: The backup road maintenance employee is called in when the roads are being plowed instead of as in the past when it took several days to plow the town roads. This winter with two people plowing the town roads it took an average of 12.5 hours.

Town timber cutting: Bell Timber is currently the manager for the town timber sale upcoming this year on town land. Motion made by Jim Ulmaniec we allow fire wood cutting to town electorates to dead and down only with chainsaw, pickup and trailer, seconded by Brenda Aronson. Motion carried.

Authority to grant easement: The town did issue an easement this past year for a driveway issue which was drawn up by the attorney in Grantsburg.

Fire hall update: The building has been ordered and construction should start in a week or two. The bid came back at \$1.5 million. Polk Burnett gave the association a \$360,000 grant.

Capital plan: The current cost of maintaining the town equipment would be \$28,000 a year. The town currently puts away \$10,000 dollars a year.

Neighborhood watch: The issue of the half way house coming to the town has gone away. Currently there are no other issues pertaining to town safety.

Private drive/special assessment: The current private driveways were developed and put in before county zoning dictated driveway standards. Some of the driveways are owned cooperatively and one is owned separately and is currently in back taxes. The town will look into the possibility of using village powers to upgrade driveways and assessing them to the property owners to ensure emergency services can access the properties.

Town internet: The cost of adding basic internet services to the town hall range from \$30-\$50 dollars a month. No action taken at this time.

Public sector/private sector debate: Chair Jeremy Gronski explained the public versus private sector issues.

Secondary fuel/heat system: Chair Jeremy Gronski recapped this last heating seasons issues with LP.

Four wheeler routes: The town board has not designated any formal approval or denial of riding four wheelers on town roads.

Security system: The town's security system is up and running. The cameras and recording devices have been installed.

Insurance: The current insurance policy is set up at replacement costs.

Humane Society donation: The donation as done in the past will be done in the amount of \$170.76 the Humane Society.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Jim Loomis to accept the minutes from 2012 and 2013, seconded by Tim Harmon. Motion carried.

Annual town meeting costs: Motion to pay Terry Hendricks reimburse the Brian Louis. Motion carried.

Town board salaries: Barbara Loomis to give a 10% pay raise to the town supervisors and 20% for the chairman, seconded by Carol Peterson. Motion carried.

Road maintenance: The condition of Alstead road came up inquiring about when the pot holes can be fixed and what the long range plan is for the road.

Annual Town Meeting BBQ: Motion made by Tim Harmon let you spend up to 150 dollars for a meal at the next town meeting, Brian Louis. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion made by Barbara Loomis to adjourn seconded by Deann Ball. Adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Jessica King, Clerk