

TOWN OF SCOTT
Burnett County, Wisconsin
ANNUAL MEETING
April 15, 2014

The 2014 Town of Scott Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Scott Town Hall, 28390 County Road H, Spooner WI by Chairman Mick Peterson; with clerk Wiggins present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion Donna Devic/Paul Kipping to accept the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes; motion carried.

The Chair asked for a motion to set the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Motion Bill Devic/Linda Okonek to hold the 2015 Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scott Town Hall. Motion carried.

Chairman Peterson reported that the town board has been working to reduce, as much as possible, town expenses. The road supervisor's health insurance premium has been reduced from approximately \$6,000 to \$1,800 per year through the Affordable Care Act; a contract on the town's copy machine was cancelled at a savings of \$90.00 per year; purchasing the following year's postage before a rate increase saved \$66.00. Lower insurance premiums for road equipment were realized through adjusting equipment values to actual values, and \$6,500 insurance carried on the town's flagpole was reduced to \$3,000.00.

The town receives approximately \$101,000.00 annually from the state to maintain roads. The cost to pave one mile of road is currently \$120,000.00. The road plan for 2014 is to pulverize and blacktop one mile of Carson Road using TRIP funds to help defray the additional cost. In 2015 the last section of Long Lake Road will be pulverized and blacktopped. Starting in 2017 and continuing, the town will concentrate on chip sealing all roads.

The town's current debt service includes loans for the front end loader, a fire truck, and the fire department pole barn.

To further look at reducing town expenses, two town board members and the clerk met with the county treasurer to discuss the option of having the county treasurer's office collect the first half real estate tax payments, a service offered by the county treasurer's office. The cost to the town would be \$1.00 per parcel; the town has just under 2,000 parcels. The town would continue to mail tax statements. Contracting with the county would reduce the treasurer's workload up to 50%, and the board would adjust the treasurer's job description accordingly. If the town were to contract with the county for this service, the new job description would go into effect at the next election on April 7, 2015. Accordingly, the board would expect that the salary of the treasurer be reduced to match the new job duties. The Chair asked for a motion to set a salary based on the duties of the revised position. Motion Fran Peterson/Darlene Lewis to reduce the treasurer's salary to \$6,000 per year beginning 4/7/2015, to be reviewed as needed. A "yes" vote would reduce the salary to \$6,000; a "no" vote would leave the salary at the current amount of \$11,000.00 yearly. Ballot results: Yes votes 17; No votes 21; motion died.

A motion was made by Don Jacobson to have the county collect the first half real estate taxes; seconded by Jay Stoy. Ballot results: Yes votes 17, No votes 22; motion died.

Lack of ambulance coverage was discussed. This is an issue that town boards in our area have been struggling with for years. The board will continue to pursue this issue.

The new ambulance contract was discussed, noting that no vote has been taken as to how townships will split the cost. The Chair indicated that the cost to have a 12 hour manned station at A&H would be approximately \$160,000 - \$180,000, which would be split among all the townships.

Motion made by Pat Glerum and seconded to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Karen Wiggins, Clerk
Town of Scott

Mick Peterson, Chairman

Dated this day of , 2015