

TOWN OF HORTONIA  
Summarized Minutes of Annual Town meeting Sept 14, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Meeting, called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Clegg, and Board Supervisors Nancy Willenkamp Nancy Willenkamp present; also, Treasurer Marilyn Martin, and Clerk Lyn Neuenfeldt.

In his opening remarks Clegg welcomed everyone in attendance and spoke about previous Chairman Luedtke resigning due to moving out of the Town and the remaining members of the board electing him to the Chairmanship. Then the board elected Jules Zuehlsdorf to fill the open Supervisor position. It has been a difficult year due to the COVID pandemic and has been particularly hard as we lost our constable and friend Ron Willenkamp to the disease in April. His wife and our Supervisor Nancy Willenkamp has taken on the constable duties until the next election. The Board continued their goal maintaining the balance between keeping taxes low but also being responsible about having enough funds to maintain the quality of service and infrastructure in the town. We believe we have a good budget and will continue to work toward the goals improving the Town.

Town verified that public notice of meeting Electors were asked to identify themselves as eligible to vote and to decide on method of voting. Electors decided on a hand vote. E. Lankow motioned, seconded by C. Martin to approve 2019 Annual Town meeting minutes as printed in the annual report. Motion Carried.

**Clerks Report: Review and approve Annual Report:** Clerk presented the annual report to the residents, Motion to approve the Annual report made by Clegg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Martin -Motion carried.

The clerk talked about the Town being eligible for the WI Roads to Recovery Grant of up to 17,000 towards expenses resulting from Covid-19 and that she was also applying for 2 other grants to cover additional Election expenses. She also requested that the Election workers pay be increased from \$15 to \$20 per hour for the November 2020 election due to added risk, responsibility, and longer hours. Motion to approve increase made by Coffeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clegg Carried unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martin explained that all incoming monies were deposited into a high yield money market account (Wolf River). Martin also said that BMO Harris in Hortonville abruptly announced they would be closing the branch in Hortonville and the Board had chosen to move Tax and Dog Accounts to back to First State Bank in New London. The main checking is at Wolf River Community and was working well. E. Lankow Motioned to approve Treasurer's report, Coffeen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried-unanimous.

**Old Business :** Supervisor Willenkamp said fall Tire dumpster was full already.

**ROAD WORK:** Supervisor Clegg reviewed the road maintenance, which was primarily coring and crack filling as well as updating driveways and culverts. Lower Givens and Everts Lane are being evaluated for work.

In order to do the work on the Town Hall parking lot the Town had to Hire Omni Engineering to survey the towns parcel and apply for permits since it was determined by the county that the Town Hall was in a natural flood plain of the stream that runs next to it. In the meantime, due the current blacktop wash washed out in a rainfall and it was determined that excavation would need to be done to prevent future damage. Once the permit was approved the county did restorative work including adding a berm around the Town Hall to divert water, as well as replacing the culver running under givens and in from of the Town Hall. The parking lot was regraded and curb and gutter was put in place and the first layer of blacktop was put down. There will be a second layer put down in the spring.

Now the Town will be working with the County to hammer out an agreement about the takeover of County TT when County takes over old Hwy 15. This will happen when Hwy 15 is upgraded and redone.

Storage facility was rented for records and Lawn Tractor and equipment.

Juvenile Detention center was voted down by the State finance committee and will not be built in Hortonia.

**New Business:** County Sales tax of .05% was approved by the County Board and each Municipality and school districts will receive a portion of the proceeds.

The Town Assessor will be doing a full physical evaluation in 2021 to bring the Towns Assessment into line with current property values.

The Town will have a new updated Zoning Ordinance taking affect in the Spring of 2021

**Hear from the Floor:** Issues that the electors in attendance asked Board to look into were: possibility of hiring law enforcement, finding solutions to runoff/ditch blockage on Lower Givens that was causing flooding, and concerns over the Trailer park on Givens and issues of there being serial offenders living there.

**Set Date for Next Meeting:** Next Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 21st, 2021... Martin motioned to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coffeen. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m. These minutes are unapproved and subject to final Board approval.