

Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County, Wisconsin
Minutes Annual Meeting
April 18, 2017

Chairman Mader called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Greenfield Hall N1800 Town Hall Rd., La Crosse, Wisconsin. Chairman Steve Mader, Supervisors Tom Jacobs and Andy Neubauer were present. Clerk Lois Meinking and Treasurer Mary Leuck were present.

Matthew and Megan Miller Exc. Ag. property on Silha Road was discussed. Ag land, types of soil, productive soil, emergency vehicle access, and location of site was presented for rezoning to build a home. Motion by Jacobs/Neubauer to allow Matthew and Megan Miller to build on the site presented (described as the pie). Motion carried 14-0.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were read into the record by the clerk.

The Annual report for 2016 Expenditures and Receipts was read by the clerk. The Defined Benefit Pension Plan was given. Motion by Jacobs/Neubauer to approve the report as read and provided. Motion passed unanimously 14-0. The Truck fund has \$45,000 in it carried over from 2015/2016.

Lt. Darin Schieldt gave the Shelby Fire Department report. 15% of the Fire and EMS calls were from the Town of Greenfield Area. Trouble breathing and falls were the most numerous calls. The bi-monthly training included work on driving skills, search and rescue and pumping operations. Special trainings included school bus accident scenario with Holmen Fire, Mutual aid training with farm accident scenarios in association with Gunderson's WARM students and Tri State. They work special events: Polar Plunge, River Clean-up, 911 Memorial, Rotary Lights and Freedom Fest. Members at Station 2 (Greenfield) have an annual game feed, and assist with the Chicken Q and Waffle Breakfast. Funds were used to purchase a new boat motor, wildland gear, boots, and tank upgrades. In total 346 calls were received in 2016 with 305 in 2015.

2016 road updgrade report was given by Chairman Mader. The road plan and budget for 2017 was discussed. RFPs have been sent out for vendors to bid on portions of the following roads: Kreibich, Betz, Wuensch , E Hills, Schmaltz, Brookview Mobile Home Park Town Roads, old Freehoff (patch & double seal-final), Servais, Schwartz, Birch Ln. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting on May 10. The Town is cutting trees on Hickory and patching potholes. Motion Nelson/Manthey to allow Town of Greenfield Board to borrow up to \$90,000 for 1 year for annual road improvements to be paid back within 1 year. Hand vote taken. Motion passed unanimously 13-0. Motion to approve 2017 road plan Robert Kotek/Steve Miller. Motion passed unanimously 13-0.

Equipment report on trucks, loader, mower, and reserve fund was given by the chairman. Loader good; International truck about \$15,000 costs in repairs each year. Town plans to retire it. A proposal for tractor side arm mower \$50,000 and estimated tractor could be another \$50,000 as presented at the regular meeting. \$9000 was spent on mower repairs in 2016. Neighboring Towns have been contacted to see if they want to share cost. County rental is another possibility. There is a reserve fund of \$45,000 to buy (plow) truck. Motion made by Steve Miller/Kotek for Town to move forward with preparation to purchase a new plow truck by spring 2018. Motion passed unanimously 13-0. It should be ordered by June 2017.

Recycling Center Report concrete pad requested by Ken recycling engineer (previous meeting) for roll-offs near gate is under consideration. Compactor is old and Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling will realign or send mechanic as needed.

Park Report Lions are considering work on the tennis court area and will present a plan for the future. There is information in the archives Town is researching. There is money available in the Park Development money-market account for the Lions Club to utilize.

Other business as residents brought to the meeting: Decision not to plow some roads while frost came out of the ground was discussed. Plow hit a manhole costing \$3800 this spring. Some roads were peeled up when the plow was dropped. Sand/salt mix is and should be provided. Suggestion not to put the wing down. Some subdivisions were shut in until early afternoon. This was the worst winter locals have ever seen. County roads were shut during one storm not allowing town plows to get safely to subdivisions. Minutes (2016) mentioned striping Bahr Rd. Board considered entry for fog every 10 feet. Supervisor II will contact the striping contractor for a center line on Bahr from State RD 33 to house.

Will town purchase a pick-up truck to save on the dump truck (have considered for 4 yrs.)? Motion Nelson/Jacobs to pursue purchase of used truck maximum \$25,000. Motion passed unanimously. Further discussed talking to road crew, cost of insuring it, room to store it. It would be used for branches, fire numbers, etc. instead of taking the large trucks out.

Special meeting for Comprehensive Plan Amendment needs to be scheduled (15-20 day posting window). Meeting is scheduled May 18, 2017 6:30 P.M.

The new Town webmaster is MCS website: www.townofgreenfieldwi.org. The county no longer supports the site.

Date of 2017 budget meeting was set for November 14, 2017 at 7 P.M.

Date of 2018 Annual Meeting was set for April 17, 2018 (3rd Tues.) at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Robert Kotek/Tom Jacobs to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Meinking, Clerk
Town of Greenfield