

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Annual Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 8:00 PM

Location: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Elected and Appointed Officials Present:

Town Board: Chairman Joseph C. Gonnering, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Supervisor Jeff Esselmann, Clerk Cindy Komro, Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies, DPW Director Charles Schmidt, Police Chief Steven Swiertz (all are Town residents with the exception of Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer and Police Chief Steven Swiertz).

Town Residents Present:

Warren Brehmer	Paul Fahey	Cindy Komro	Charles Schmidt
Barbara Davies	Joseph Gonnering	Gary Lauters	George Spaeth
Ed Doerr	Mark Haznaw	Kathy Lauters	Anthony Thoma
Jeff Esselmann			

Total qualified electors of the Town present at the beginning of the Annual Meeting: 13

Chairman Gonnering asked those in attendance to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Gonnering called the Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Gonnering explained that the qualified electors present are responsible for the business taking place at the Annual Meeting, by presenting the motions, and voting on the motions. Elected Town Board members are present to hear reports, answer questions, and help facilitate the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2021 Annual Meeting:

Tony Thoma moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Annual Meeting. George Spaeth seconded. Motion carried.

2. Building and Zoning Reports:

Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies and Building Inspector Walt Grotelueschen reported on the building and zoning activity in 2021. Tony Thoma moved to approve the Building and Zoning reports. Mark Haznaw seconded. Motion carried.

3. Annual Report – Newburg Fire Department:

Deputy Fire Chief Brad Karnitz presented the 2021 annual report for the Newburg Fire Department, including Town of Trenton calls in 2021. Kathy Lauters moved to approve the Fire Department annual report. Tony Thoma seconded. Motion carried.

4. Annual Report – Trenton Police Department:

Police Chief Steve Swiertz reported on the 2021 police activity and on personnel changes. Cindy Komro moved to approve the Police Department report; Barbara Davies seconded. Motion carried.

5. Annual Report – Washington County Sheriff's Department:

Deputy Sheriff Anderson presented a summary of 2021 activity in the Town of Trenton. The Washington County Sheriff's comprehensive annual report was not available for the meeting. It will be available on the County website in the future.

6. Budget Report:

Clerk Cindy Komro presented the Town's 2021 Income and Expense Report. Nicole Cozzuli-Meer presented the Property Tax Allocation report. Warren Brehmer moved to approve the Budget and Property Tax Allocation reports; Barbara Davies seconded. Motion carried.

7. Set Compensation for Elected Town Officials, Term of Office April 2023 to April 2025:

Compensation increased in 2019 by 5%, in 2021 by 1% and in 2022 by 1%. Current compensation is \$11,340.33 (Chair) and \$6,626.93 (Supervisors). Cindy Komro moved to increase the elected official compensation by 3% for the 2023-2025 term; Tony Thoma seconded. Motion carried.

8. Emergency Government Report:

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported on the Emergency Government in the Town, which is under the jurisdiction of the County. Nothing significant occurred in 2021 in the Town. Warren Brehmer moved to approve the Emergency Government report; Mark Haznaw seconded. Motion carried.

9. Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Report:

Ed Doerr reported on the financial receipts from the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court (MMMC). The Town of Trenton is a member of the multi-community court, which administers collections for town citations. Kathy Lauters moved to accept the MMMC report; George Spaeth seconded. Motion carried.

10. Weed Commissioner Report:

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported on the town's weed concerns. Tony Thoma moved to accept the Weed Commissioner Report. George Spaeth seconded. Motion carried.

11. Garbage & Recycling Committee Report:

Supervisor Jeff Esselmann reported that 287 tons of recycling were collected in 2021. The Town has a high rate of recycling, the efforts of which result in a recycling grant each year equal to about \$15,000. The ten-year contract with Waste Management expires on December 31, 2022. Cindy Komro moved to accept the Garbage & Recycling Committee Report; Barbara Davies seconded. Motion carried.

12. Equipment, Roads, Snowplowing Report:

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported on the Department of Public Works activities in 2021. During the winter snow season, there were 23 events for snow and ice control during winter 2021-2022. Gonnering reported on new part-time snowplow drivers. Gonnering reported on the salt and sand use in 2021. Gonnering reported on the roads that were repaired and maintained, and on the ditching and culvert work in 2021. Chairman Gonnering thanked the Department of Public Works employees for their hard work in 2021. Warren Brehmer moved to approve the Equipment, Roads and Snowplowing Report; Mark Haznaw seconded. Motion carried.

13. County Board Report:

Tony Thoma introduced himself as the new County Supervisor representing the Town of Trenton.

14. Any Matter that May Come Before the Annual Meeting:

None.

15. Adjournment:

Tony Thoma moved to adjourn the Annual meeting at 8:45 PM. George Spaeth seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy A. Komro

Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI on April 20, 2022. Cindy A. Komro, Town Clerk.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Town Residents at the 2023 Town Annual Meeting.