

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
ANNUAL MEETING April 16, 2019

Agenda:

- **Meeting:** Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter 7 p.m. Decision was made to vote by show of hands.
- **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Jon Winter, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Miina Helske, Barb Helin, Ted Helin, Nova Nordrum, Brian Stockinger, Vicki Luostari, Tim Johnson, Mark Saari, Tom Karas, Bob Leith, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
- **Introduction of the board:** Jon introduced himself and all of the board members to the meeting attendees.
- **Approval of 2018 annual meeting minutes:** Tracy R made a motion to accept the 2018 annual meeting minutes with the following corrections (in the FD report extradition needs to be changed to extraction and the word “so” needs to be removed from sentence 5), Nova N seconded. 13 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Approved as presented 7:03 pm. Question was raised by Ted H as to why the meeting was not posted online, so that all residents were aware of the meeting. Per WI Statutes the annual meeting does not have to be “noticed” if it is held the 3rd Tuesday of April annually. But the meeting was posted in 2 places as well as on the website with the meeting agenda, just not on the Town’s home page.
- **Treasurer’s report:** Tracy presented: 2018 end of year balances \$294,355.65 total, with \$21,092.82 in the checking account, \$15,221.40 tax collections and \$258,041.43 in the remaining money market/savings accounts, with \$60,397.00 designated for debt service. Loan balances as on 12/31 were \$50,702.58 owed to NBC for the SVL bridge loan and \$69,379.04 still owed to BCPL on equipment. As of right now we are looking at \$50,730 coming in from the County for their share of the SVL bridge aid, but we can request more (additional requests were made in 2014, 15 & 18). Jon advised as of right now it looks like the Town’s share of the bridge is **approximately** \$114,000.00; the original amount was \$84,000. There have been increases along the way for both the building and design aspects of the bridge, the town was originally told it had been capped and would be responsible for all of those increases, but it appears we now owe about \$90,000 less than we thought last year at this time. Nova N motioned to accept the treasurer report as presented, Scott L seconded, 10 yays, 3 nays, 2 abstain, approved as presented, 7:10pm.
- **Department and committee reports:**
 - **Fire department:** Nova Nordrum represented the fire department. The FD had 28 calls in 2018. They currently have 10 members, 1 will be leaving for school and one to possibly retire soon. They have 2 members completing entry level training, 1 in Emergency responder training; their 2 cadets are now full members. They are currently preparing for the “Be Somebody” event in Brule on June 8th from 11-2, at the new station. They are working on updating their fire gear a few pieces at a time due to the expense, the state mandates that certain gear be replaced every 10 years. The state is also increasing the

requirements/training for all areas of the FD requiring 60-80 hours of training for basic firefighters, more if you are an emergency responder, driver/operator, officer and fireman 1 & 2 certified. These all need to be repeated every 2 years. All of this is 100% volunteer and the training is completed on the individuals own time. They have annual DNR training for wildfires, the previous year's events, pipeline training, landing zone training as well as training for search and rescue. Nova wanted to "thank" all of her fellow FD members. Tracy R motioned to accept the FD report, Vicki L seconded, 15 yays, 0 nays, carried 7:22 pm.

- **Town Employees:** Mark S presented. They were busy fixing roads, plowing snow and repairing/maintaining equipment. Mason V has been helping out, they had a few breakdowns in the beginning but things are starting to go better. A question was by Ted H as to why we need a \$100,000-\$120,000 large piece of equipment for plowing. Mark said it's not needed/used all the time, but it is needed for larger snowstorms and snowier winters. Tracy R motioned to accept, Nova N seconded, 14 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstain, carried 7:24 pm.
- **Old Business:**
 - **Collection site:** No changes at this time either to the collection site or curbside pickup, not sure what will happen when the Superior landfill closes. Some think that curbside will only make for illegal dumping and more garbage along roadsides. Ted H raised the question for whether we equalize the rates for everyone or continue to give people over 65 a break. Currently all rates are increased the same but the senior base rate is lower. At budget time the board will work on equalizing the collection rate, as those numbers need to be turned into the county prior to tax statements. Ted H made a motion to make all the collection rates universal no matter what age, Tim J seconded, 12 yays, 0 nays, 3 abstain, carried 7:31 pm. Mark mentioned that Marcie is doing a great job at the collection site and he is hearing lots of positive things from the residents.
 - **Cemetery:** Jon passed out some sheets with various pricing from other municipalities. Right now the Town charges \$250 for a summer burial, \$500 for a winter burial and \$80 for the sextant. The previous cemetery committee recommended changing the rates \$500 for a summer burial and increasing the sextants pay and winter burial fees. Mark says it takes approximately 2 days of his time to do a burial. It was mentioned that the town should look at contracting out for these services rather than taking Mark away from his regular duties. Miina H suggested that the board research more. Every municipality has its own guidelines on plot-age, cremations, etc. The fees are collected by the funeral home and then paid to the Town, with the exception of the sextants fee. The board will also need to come up with some guideline for the contractors. Upon completion of their research the board to act upon increasing the fees regarding the cemetery.
 - **Snowplowing:** Currently \$150 regular, \$100 for seniors. What are we doing for equipment purchases as some of the equipment needs to be replaced. All purchases were put on hold due to the uncertainty of the SVL bridge costs. Since we are looking much better in that area the board will now talk to Mark and look into what needs replacing first. Ted H brought up that all residents should pay the same for snowplowing and there should not be any senior discount, it would be too hard to try to give discounts for medical/hardship issues if going to one standard fee. After discussion Ted H made a motion that all the residents should pay

the same amount for snowplowing (with the exception of the businesses and residences that are already charged more due to size), Miina H seconded, 14 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstain carried 7:48 pm. Special plowing will require additional fees to be determined by the board. The driveways also need to have a place to push the snow. The board to take all information into consideration and will set a standard fee.

Other Business:

- **SVL Bridge:** Brian S mentioned that there is a major crack on the deck of the new bridge that should not be there and the Town needs to investigate. Also is there some sort of warranty on the bridge to cover things like this. It appears that the cement was not allowed to properly cure. Jon to contact the state and the WI DOT to find out what can/needs to be done.
- **Recording meetings** Ted H wanted to know why we do not record the meetings, states over the last 6 months there have been discrepancies in the minutes. The Town should consider buying a full room recorder, keep the tapes on file if needed for review, this would also be nice for the Clerk should they be unable to attend a meeting. Tim J motioned that the board look into purchasing a recorder, record the meetings and archive the tapes, Ted H seconded, 10 yays, 2 nays 3 abstain, carried 8 pm.
- **Website:** Ted H stated that the Town should get a different website, it needs to be revamped, Jon stated a number of companies out there advertise “no fees” and then once you use them the fees jump and you do not have a way to cancel. One of the websites looked at would cost \$750. Website needs to have a calendar, minutes and agendas. The board will research companies and see what is out there.

Board of review alternates: Board of review alternates for the 5/16 Board of Review are Brian Stockinger and Ted Helin.

Next Annual Meeting will be April 21, 2020

Adjournment

Tracy R made a motion to adjourn, Nova N seconded, 15 yays 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk
4/21/2019

Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Garage, Website
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**