

**TOWN OF WILSON
SHEBOYGAN, COUNTY, WISCONSIN
APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Call to Order - Chairman Gartman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Posting in accordance with open meeting law was confirmed and the meeting was declared an open meeting. Chairman Gartman read the WTA Legal Opinions concerning terms of elected offices and who chairs the Annual Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – was declared

Minutes - Motion by Shelly Weidig 6530 Leona Lane, second by Mike Larson 9449 N. Evergreen Drive to approve the draft minutes as written, by majority of hand count the minutes were approved.

Introduction and Report of the:

- a. **Town Officers** - Chairman Gartman introduced the outgoing officers, Supervisors Dale Sommer and Dave Senkbeil. The new board Chairman John Ehmann, Supervisors Tom Stoelb, Nancy DesJardins, Dan Rostollan, Brian Hoffmann was absent, Clerk Georgene Lubach, Treasurer Laurie Pankratz.
- b. **Sanitary District** – Clerical Assistant Shelly Weidig, Sanitary employees, Tom Sanville, Otis Kiel, Steve Pautz and Alan Gartmann.
- c. **Maintenance Department Employees** – Maintenance/Road Supervisor Rick Meyer and staff, Vic Schupp, Dale, Yost, Rich Ternes, Larry Hilbelink (also building inspector), Leonard Johnson and Mike Tevsh.
- d. **Office Staff** – Lois Drasutis
- e. **Constables** – Jim Whipple and James Van Ess

Financial and Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014 by Bryan Grunewald, Schenck, SC (Town Accountant) –

The 2014 Financial Statement was presented by Bryan Grunewald of Schenck, SC. A summary of the General Fund Balance and an analysis of the Town's revenues and expenditures with a comparison from 2011 – 2014 was provided. Chairman Gartman noted Bryan has been working with the Town since 2011 and thanked him for his service.

- James Tobin, 317 Pioneer, questioned the deficiencies if they need to be made up. Grunewald explained these are deficiencies in the budget column but in the actual column there are reserves.

First Responders Report – Director of the First Responders Kim Gartman had been nominated to take over First Responders after Nancy DesJardins retired in December 2014. Gartman thanked Nancy DesJardins who had started the program and served as director for 5 years and asked for a round of applause for her service. 2014 ended with the highest number of call volume, 103 calls. The First Responders completed the refresher course and completed training to allow them to assist the Sheboygan County Dive Team.

Black River Fire Department Report - President Kory Wendlandt gave an overview of training, equipment in use and the Recruitment of Explorers Program. The year finished with 24 firefighters and a total of 37 calls were made.

- James Tobin, 317 Pioneer, questioned how training hours are calculated; Kory Wendlandt explained the 1000 plus hours of training include all firefighters.
- Cathy Conrad 1720 Andrae Circle, questioned why the BRFD does not respond to 911 sewer calls and what the correct protocol is and the difference between responding to a Chemical Spill. Chief Brian Schmitt explained the pumps are used for water transfer they are not designed for transfer of sewage and not trained in sewage. Aldrich was clean water that was returned to the retention pond.

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Park and Forestry Commission Report – Chairperson Jane Kettler introduced the members, John Ehmann, Gerry Bertsch, Tom Kultgen, Nancy Kissel and Tom Sonntag. Schinker Creek Park will be opening this summer and the playground equipment with the Shelter is in the process of being installed.

Public input, questions or new business pertinent Wis. Stat. § 60.14

- Arletta Giese, 314 W. Evergreen Dr., spoke about the right to vote for Clerk and Treasurer. Motion by Arletta Giese, I move to rescind the motion made by Mr. Bergin at the last annual meeting April 15, 2014. Mr. Bergin’s motion was to appoint the town clerk and treasurer and that they be appointed by the town board. Mr. Bergin’s motion was in direct opposition to two referendums passed by the citizens of the Town of Wilson. Therefore I move to rescind Mr. Bergin’s motion and return to the citizens of the Town of Wilson our right to elect our own clerk and treasurer as we expressed our desires in two referendums. This motion is not to be reviewed for two years. These officers are to be elected at the earliest possible opportunity. Second by Art Hoskings, 239 Wahgouly Rd.

A lengthy discussion continued with many residents speaking in favor of the motion and many residents spoke opposed to the motion. Phil Mersberger called for the question. Chairman Gartman asked Chairman Ehmann to step in as he was losing his voice. Chairman Ehmann noted to keep in mind this is driven by statues and this goes into effect two years from now. Arletta called for the question. Chairman Ehmann stated the motion proposed is a negative motion making it difficult to vote on and asked if Arletta would be willing to restate the motion in a positive matter. Motion would be to move to make the Clerk and Treasurer Positions elected positions as of 2017. Arletta Giese agreed, 2nd by Art Hoskings. By hand count vote 20- votes in favor, 42- votes opposed, motion failed.

- Motion by Cathy Conrad, 1720 Andrae Cr, I make a motion to have the Town Board establish a Sanitary District Commission consisting of 1-2 Town Board members; 1-2 citizen members and an engineer knowledgeable in sewer operation or contract with a engineer to manage the Sanitary District. This appointment must be for residents of the Town of Wilson Sanitary District (Town Board appointees and resident appointees) and would be for 3 year terms to help review and set up a maintenance plan, review sewer system operations, review maintenance records, review all aspects of the Emergency Plan and work with Sanitary District staff to learn what we have existing, where improvements need to be made and how to manage the system with an official start up date by August 1, 2015, with compensation to be determined by the Wage & Salary Committee and a monthly written report to be filed with the Town Board. Second by Fred Pankratz, 4410 S. 14th Street.

Lengthy discussion continued concerning this motion. James Tobin mentioned this would be a great deal of work to produce a monthly report and asked for a friendly amendment to suggest 3 months reporting or quarterly of the status instead of monthly. Cathy Conrad agreed, 2nd by Fred Pankratz. Discussion continued suggesting a committee to study this and individuals suggested they would like to be part of this committee.

Motion by Michael Larson 4449 N. Evergreen Dr. to table Cathy Conrad’s motion, second by David Schmitt 5200 Moenning Rd., By hand count vote 38-votes in favor, 11- opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Michael Larson to appoint an AdHoc committee to examine the motion as presented and the Town Board to report back in three months as a recommendation regarding the motion. Second by Wayne Kolzow, 1729 Andrae Cr. By hand count vote 50-votes in favor, 0- votes opposed, motion carried.

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- Joel Conrad questioned when his topic could be discussed concerning the use of a Town truck by a Town Employee. Chairman Ehmann explained this is not the powers of a town meeting and this can be placed on a future agenda.
- Sara Lohmier, 1621 Terry Andrae Ave questioned if there are plans or special meetings to keep the residents informed of the Kohler Golf Course. Chairman Ehmann shared in the coming months there will be activity on it when it comes before them.

Chairman David Gartman thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve these last 10 years and shared his Grandfathers saying "Smile better days ahead."

Adjourn - Motion by David Senkbeil 1660 Maple Ln, second by Dale Sommer, 3013 CTH V to adjourn the annual meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Georgene Lubach, Clerk