

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Township of Spring Green

Proceedings of the Town of Spring Green Annual Meeting, held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Town Hall located at E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, Wisconsin:

1. **Call to Order:** Kevin Lins, Town Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Legal Posting:** Jenny Pappas, Clerk certified compliance with the open meeting law.
3. **Roll Call:** Members present were Chairperson Kevin Lins, Supervisors Dave Radel and Michael Bindl and Clerk Jenny Pappas. Karen Shelton was absent. Also present were: Bill Mertens, Marian Copus, Charley White, John McKenna, Sherryl Jones, Brad Haas, Doug Jones, Janet Gee, Derrick Gee, Irene Golembiewski, Don Golembiewski, Benny Stenner, Jerry Bindl, Tom LaBudde, Sandy LaBudde and Timm Zumm.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Lins explained that in an election year, such as this, the chair in office prior to the election still chairs the annual meeting if willing to do so. Lins noted since Polivka was not in attendance, Lins would chair the meeting. Lins went on to explain that all actions of the meeting must be by vote which could be accomplished by show of hands, standing or voice vote. The attendees of the meeting agreed on show of hands for the voting method. Lins went on to explain the clerk must record how many electors voted in favor of each motion and how many voted against it. A record of the exact vote is important because resolutions adopted under s. 60.10 (2) may be rescinded by a subsequent annual or special town meeting vote equal to or greater than the original vote. Bill Mertens moved and Irene Golembiewski seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. 11 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Lins reviewed the April 17, 2014 annual meeting minutes and April 21, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Lins explained the original date chosen for the 2015 Annual Meeting was non-compliant, and the meeting had to be called to order on the third Tuesday in April (4/21) and subsequently adjourned to a later date (5/14). Don Golembiewski moved and Sherryl Jones seconded to approve the April 17, 2014 and April 21, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. 13 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
6. **2014 Annual Report:** Lins reviewed the 2014 Annual Report touching on the six figure amounts. For Receipts, road aids of \$130,026, town levy of \$421,578 and recycling tax roll of \$106,447. These items totaled approximately 75% of the total receipts of \$877,528. Expenditure items included: fire services and loan \$149,853, garbage and recycling \$104,265, Jones Road project \$101,351 and equipment purchase of \$160,228. Total expenses were 940,276 and the checking account balance as of January 1, 2015 was \$105,195 which included a loan of \$116,000.
7. **Other Business:** John McKenna suggested looking at different LP providers/rates, asked the board to re-evaluate the 2009 FEMA flood maps as property assessors are saying they cannot appraise properties affected by these maps and also asked the board to consider a nuisance ordinance as his neighbor is firing an AR15 and he and his wife are greatly affected by the disturbance.

Sherryl Jones inquired about garbage/recycling fees and asked if there would be any changes due to Walker's budget. Pappas stated she has not heard anything as of yet if the grant would be taken away.

Don Golembiewski suggested during meetings, people should identify themselves as to whether they are a resident of the township when making comments, and perhaps those comments would have more weight than a non-resident when decision making. Radel asked if that would include people who own property in the township, or to just people that reside in the township. Lins stated if there was a controversial issue they might need to have a responder identify their name and whether they are a resident.

McKenna asked what could be disclosed in regards to the township being sued. Radel stated he has not heard much as of late, the last he heard there would possibly be a trial in July.

Mertens suggested the town think about purchasing a generator in the future. Radel stated he had thought about that too as the Town Hall would probably have to become a command center in a

disastrous situation. Bill Mertens moved and Benny Stenner seconded to acquire bids for an automatic switching system generator for the Town Hall. 13 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

Radel stated a road tour was conducted 6-8 weeks ago and several roads are up for oil/gravel seal and wedging. Radel discussed the corner on Rainbow Road and stated Greg Jewell did an engineering study on the corner as he was in an accident there recently. Radel explained two options: 1) create a 40mph curve which would require the purchase of approximately .75 acres of property to the west. 11' lanes and 6' shoulders at a cost of approximately \$70K. 2) create a 50mph curve which would require the purchase of approximately 1.75 acres of property to the west. The cost for this option would be approximately \$120K. Radel noted a lot of people feel the Rainbow Road curve is very dangerous, especially when the crops are up. Haas noted it is also dangerous in the winter months as ice fisherman park along the side of the curve.

Sherryl Jones asked what the board could do about abandoned vehicles in the Township. Radel noted this would be a county issue.

Dave Radel stated the ATV issue has come before the board for the last 10 years with no permanent solution. Radel stated he would like to see the issue put on a future ballot as a referendum, and if approved, the board could turn it over to the plan commission to work out which roads would be allowed. Stenner stated he did not feel a referendum is necessary.

Derrick Gee asked about the budgeting process. Radel stated the process starts in September/October and the current year expenditures and receipts are looked at as well as trends over the last several years.

John McKenna asked if TRIP funds are granted this year, what the funds would be used for. Radel stated possibly Rainbow Road. Radel stated he and Haas have completed the five-year plan and road ratings work.

Benny Stenner asked if the \$70K additional levy that has been added the last several years will continue. Radel stated the additional funds were added because of needs and the zero percent levy limit increase law. Radel stated this will need to continue if possible, as it costs approximately \$100K per mile of road for construction. The township has approximately 65 miles of roads; without the \$70K they would deteriorate without upgrades. Benny Stenner moved and Bill Mertens seconded to levy an additional \$70K for additional road funds. 14 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.

8. **Adjourn:**Derrick Gee moved and Bill Mertens seconded to adjourn at 8:01 pm. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.