

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Township of Spring Green

Proceedings of the Town of Spring Green Annual Meeting, held at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 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 7:05 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 Carla Carmody, Clerk Jenny Pappas and Treasurer Karen Shelton. Also present were: Bill Mertens, Michelle Thomas, Brad Haas, Tom LaBudde, Sandy LaBudde, Kolby Hirth, Patty Brooks, Janet Gee, Derrick Gee, Mike Birr, Irv Snyder, Benny Stenner, Caryl Sprecher, Don Golembiewski, John McKenna, Fred Iausly, Brian Frank, Kim Russell and Rob Russell.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Lins explained that all actions of the meeting must be by vote which could be accomplished by show of hands, standing or voice vote. Mertens moved and Stenner seconded to vote by show of hands for the voting method. 21 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried. Snyder moved and Mertens seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. 21 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Stenner moved and Hirth seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting as presented. 23 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
6. **2016 Annual Report:** Lins reviewed the 2016 Annual Report. Mertens moved and Frank seconded to file the 2016 Annual Report as presented. 23 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
7. **Other Business:** Lins gave an update on the Rainbow Road Project noting the project has hit a snag as there may be burial mounds present in the area. The project is currently on hold until the matter is resolved. Lins gave an update on the lawsuit noting the judge ruled a permanent taking in favor of the Joost's. Lins explained the permanent taking ruling entitles the Joost's to reimbursement of their attorney fees and as of April, 2017 the fees were approximately \$95K. Trial dates were originally scheduled for April, 2017 but have been moved back to July 18 – 21, 2017. The jury will decide how much land was taken and the cost of the land. Lins discussed the effect on taxes using an estimated settlement amount. Mertens suggested purchasing a chipper for the Township. Lins discussed Broadband noting the idea is to work with the Village, borrow money and use the revenue from customers to re-pay the loan. The initial investment would be approximately \$500K and there may be significant grant funds available. If 50-100 customers signed up, the project would be self-sufficient. Hirth stated we need to look forward for our schools, clinics and retention of young people. Snyder moved and Mertens seconded to direct Iausly and Lins to continue discussions regarding Broadband. 22 for, 0 opposed. Motion carried. Hirth inquired about the maintenance for the Big Hollow Ditch. Lins stated as far as short-term maintenance, recently on the West side of Highway 14 some sand blew into the ditch. Bill Meise took care of the removal of the sand and the cost should be around \$1,000, but the bill has not been received to date. Lins stated per Town Ordinance, Chapter 14, the landowners should be responsible for the payment of the cost to remove the sand. This will be placed on the May board agenda. Lins stated as far as long-term maintenance, it was recommended that the Township set aside money every year for long-term maintenance. Lins stated the figures that were given to him is the ditch will need to be cleaned out after 25 years, which will cost approximately \$147,500 and the box culverts will need to be replaced after 50 years, which will cost approximately \$475,000. Lins stated no money has been put aside for these items to date and the ditch has been in existence for approximately five years; Lins suggested borrowing an additional \$100K to the amount borrowed for the lawsuit to catch up on saving for the maintenance. Golembiewski asked if the ditch should/could be extended at some point. Lins stated the DNR will not allow any extension, berms or modifications. Lins discussed the TRIP application submitted for the Rainbow Road Project and that it was filed such that the entire road will now have to be 22' wide which will cost an additional \$20K. The road tour was held on April 13 and Haas noted the roads that need attention are Horseshoe, Paulus, Wilson Creek, Butternut, Neuheisel and Raymer. Lins discussed the modern farm equipment effect on roads and how this machinery can have a dramatic effect on the life of a road. Derrick Gee congratulated the new board member and returning board members.
8. **Adjourn:** Snyder moved and Haas seconded to adjourn at 8:38 pm. 20 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.