

## **DRAFT - 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 Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Town Hall located at E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, Wisconsin:**

1. **Call to Order:** Carla Carmody, Town Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Legal Posting:** Vicki Terpstra, Clerk certified compliance with the open meeting law.
3. **Roll Call:** Members present were Supervisor Carla Carmody, Clerk Vicki Terpstra and Treasurer Karen Shelton. Also present were: Stephen Leerskov, Carol Bindl, Jerry Bindl, Dave Terpstra, Dennis Polivka, Jeff Sprecher, Jim Sprecher, Caryl Sprecher, Bill Mertens, and Greg Jewell.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** Carmody 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 Sprecher seconded to vote by show of hands for the voting method. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried. Polivka moved and Sprecher seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Shelton moved and Mertens seconded to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Annual Meeting as presented. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
6. **2018 Annual Report:** Terpstra reviewed the 2018 Annual Report and fielded questions. Request was made by Shelton to modify the report to reflect gross wages and recategorize a loan payment to the debt service category. Jeff Sprecher moved and Bill Mertens seconded to file the 2018 Annual Report with the suggested modifications. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion about reduction of speed limit to 45 mph on Kennedy Road between Dyke and Porter Roads:** Terpstra brought up concerns about this stretch of Kennedy Road due to heavy pedestrian and bicycle traffic, wildlife, and excessive trash found along the right-of-way. Others from the audience echoed her sentiments. Polivka offered insight into why this stretch of Kennedy is 55 mph while the rest of the road is 45 mph. Terpstra suggested the idea of widening the shoulder a couple of feet when the next roadwork project is done.
8. **Other Business:**
  - a. Jeff Sprecher voiced his feeling that raising Mercer Road as part of the TRID project would be a waste of money and suggested the project should be limited to upgrading/seal coating the blacktop until the Town has had a chance to explore other solutions. Greg Jewell spoke about the proposed TRID project and agreed to be present at the April 2019 Town Board meeting to discuss the issue further.
  - b. A couple of attendees felt there was lack of communication between the Town Chairperson and the other Town Supervisors, and that the Chairperson was taking it upon himself to make decisions autonomously without input from the other Supervisors. Examples cited were subcontracting of Meise Construction to clean culverts in 2015, windows in the cemetery church steeple, touring roads/ditches without the other supervisors present.
  - c. Polivka suggested that the Town Patrolman should have one person who is the primary point of contact and recommended Dave Radel should be that person

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- d. Mertens suggested that the Town should purchase its own chipper instead of renting one, and that the Town should more carefully vet part-time candidates for snow-plowing
  - e. Terpstra suggested the following changes to the Town Hall operations. Some attendees voiced their support, and no one voiced any objections:
    - i. the land-line phone should be moved to a location where it is accessible to anyone doing Town business at the Town Hall
    - ii. As primary custodian, the Patrolman should have a master key that opens every door in the building
    - iii. Supervisors' keys should also open the Clerk's office and shop
    - iv. the room in the northwest corner of the building would be a preferred location for the clerk to work where there is natural light and better ventilation
    - v. the Town's printer and fax machine need to be replaced, and she suggested the Town should purchase a multi-function machine that anyone doing Town business can use
9. **Set next meeting date:** Carmody set the next annual meeting date for Tuesday, April 21, 2020.
10. **Adjourn:** Polivka made a motion to adjourn. Mertens seconded. 10 votes for, 0 opposed. Motion carried.