

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN HALL - 8624 CTH JJ - MANITOWOC, WI 54220**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI by Chairperson Stradal.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Stradal introduced the Town Officials: First Supervisor, Tom Wetenkamp; Second Supervisor, John Jost; Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Backus; and Road Foreman, Jeremy Stradal. Constable, Todd Hickmann and Assessor, Scott Tennessen were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 22, 2020 AND MAY 13, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Copies of the minutes from the April 22, 2020 and May 13, 2020 Annual Meeting were distributed. After review, Mike Valleskey moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Stanzel. 15 voted aye by voice vote, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Stradal presented the financial report to the public. Eugene Svatek moved to approve the 2020 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Randy Drumm. 15 voted aye by voice vote, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Stradal opened public input at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Valleskey, 3809 Branch River Rd, understood the Town could receive funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (federal grant). He questioned the Board if they have reviewed the ARPA. If it hasn't been reviewed, when will it be reviewed, and will the Town Residents be made aware of what the funds will be used for.

Chairperson Stradal informed Mr. Valleskey the Town has been made aware of the funds, but are waiting on further guidance on how the Town would be allowed to spend the money. The Wisconsin Town Association is working on detailed guidance. We are waiting on that guidance before we even think about what we can spend it on. Any discussion regarding the use of the funds will always be on the Town's monthly meeting agenda. Town residents will have the ability to speak on these agenda items during public input.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:07p.m.

REPORTS

Constable

Constable Hickmann reported 37 calls for 2020. The calls consisted of wild pigs, dogs running at large, dogs barking, other animal calls, and junk violations. One junk violation was just release to Manitowoc County Park and Planning.

Assessor

Clerk Backus informed the residents Board of Review will be called to order on May 12, 2021 and then postponed until August 4, 2021 from 5-7p.m. At that time, the 2020 Assessment Roll would be complete. The Assessor has informed the Board that there will need to be a revaluation performed in 2022.

Fire Department/First Responders

Josh Stradal, representing Branch Fire Department, reported they had 35 calls in 2020. Of those calls, 13 were

mutual aid. A total of 81-man hours was reported for the year. Out of the 81 hours, 31 hours were hours worked looking for the missing hunter in Collins. The current roster is at 24-25 members.

Amy Kohlmann, representing the Branch First Responder, reported 46 total calls. Of those calls, 32 were medical and 14 were accidents (13 car accidents, 1 off road ATV accident). There are currently 7 EMS members and are recruiting.

Tom Ardnt, representing Rockwood Fire Department, reported they had 51 calls in 2020, 7 were in the Town of Manitowoc Rapids. There are 20 members with their department. Typically, they completed 42 inspections throughout the year, 20 inspections were in the town, but those inspections were cut short due to COVID. The department purchased the Jaws of Life last year. They will be purchasing a fast attack engine later this summer.

Paul Roekle, representing Silver Creek Department and First Responders, reported the fire department had 22 calls in 2020. The calls consisted of mutual aid, assisting other fire departments, car accidents, brush fires, farm equipment fires, structure fires, carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarms. The first responders reported 38 calls last year consisting of personal injuries, trauma calls, auto accidents, and medical calls. The fire department are working on an "Adopt a Firefighter" campaign to raise funds to replace the turnout gear that costs over \$8,000 per individual. The campaign has been well received so far. They are also looking to replace a couple of their vehicles, which have become outdated and worn. To replace both the cost will be \$520,000. Neither of these necessities will have a direct impact on the amount of taxes we pay to our townships and are funded within our budget and through fund-raisers and grants.

County Supervisor - No one in attendance.

Plan Commission - Nothing to report.

Branch Area Recreational Association

Ray Berres reported the park will be open the summer of 2021. They have very limited activity 2020 due to COVID. The building was full with rentals in the winter of 2020. He hopes the building rental will pick up for graduations and other summer events. At the last annual meeting it was reported that they started a capital campaign for the lighting on diamond number 2. They will kick off the fundraising with a brat fry on May 15 at the park.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Work Completed in 2020

Road Foreman Stradal reported the roadwork that was completed in 2020 – resurfaced: Alverno Rd between Middle and Dutch Rd, chip sealed: Poplar Rd, Sampe Rd, Michigan Ave and Century Rd; replaced 6 culverts. Since 2014 there have been replaced 34 culverts. There was approximately 360 yards of sand and salt mix used this past winter.

Road Work for 2021

The possible roadwork for 2021 consists of 5 culverts, Wagon Wheel Rd will be resurfaced through the Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP), and possibly 5 miles of chip seal and wedging. The Town is also looking to replace truck 309 this year.

Open Book/Board of Review

Open Book would be July 20, 2021 from 3-5 pm.

Board of Review would be August 4, 2021 from 5-7pm.

Next Annual Meeting – April 20, 2022

The next annual meeting would be Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, Amy Kohlmann moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Stanzel and so moved by the 15 towns' people in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer