

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2014 – ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 8624 CTH JJ – MANITOWOC, WI 54220 – 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids was called to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI by Chairperson Korte. Chairperson Korte led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Korte introduced the Town Officials: First Supervisor, Tom Wetenkamp; Second Supervisor, Josh Stradal; Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Backus; Road Foreman, Jeremy Stradal; Recycling Center Employee, Arthur Stanzel; and Assessor, Scott Tennessen. Constable, Todd Hickmann was excused.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE - Bob Ziegelbauer

Mr. Ziegelbauer was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2013

Copies of the minutes of the April 17, 2013 Annual Meeting were distributed. After review, Chairperson Korte made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion accepted by Ron Wiesner, seconded by Randy Drumm and so moved by the public.

2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Korte presented the financial report to the public. Motion accepted by Eugene Svatek, seconded by Jim Weisner and so moved by the public.

PUBLIC INPUT

No input was given.

REPORTS

- Constable* Constable Hickmann was excused from the meeting but did report to Chairperson Korte he had 55 calls throughout 2013.
- Highway* No major equipment problems this past winter with all the snow plowing. Possible road work will be 1"overly on Schisel Rd, blacktop Union Rd from Hilltop to Hershau, and chip seal Logwood or Danmar Rd.
- Assessor* For the year of 2013, the Town had 52 building permits, which 3 where new homes. We are performing a revaluation this year. The last time it was done was in 2005. We are stopping at all properties to take pictures, and computerize all the revalue info. The resident class are at about 103%, so as far as that class there shouldn't be any major changes on them. Commercial is down to 73%, so we need to reevaluate that class as close to 100% as we can. The other classes that will be looked are: Class 5 Swamp/Undeveloped, Class 5M Ag Woods, Class 6 Regular Forest, and Class 7 Farm with home and outbuildings. All these classes are at the 78% range. They need to come back up to 100% value. The first year the town was out of compliance was 2009. When all the classes are back up to 100% then we will be in compliance. Every 5-7 years towns need to reassess to get everything back in line for equalized value.
- County Supervisor* Randy Vogel, District 11 Supervisor of Ward 5 in the Town of Manitowoc Rapids introduced himself at the meeting. He mentioned that he will always be available by phone if any town's person ever need anything.

Plan Commission

Land use Committee Chair, Mike Check informed the Town's people that since we adopted our Comprehensive Land Use plan in 2011 no updates have been made to it. The Town needs to have it reevaluated to make sure it is current. Mr. Check informed the Town people that we will be bringing in a company in to reevaluate the Comprehensive Land Use plan sometime this year.

Fire Departments

Doug Fierst, Chief, Branch Fire Department, reported on their activities for the year of 2013. It was a good year. He stated their Spring Fish Boil will be held May 2, 2014.

Corey Krueger, Chief, Silver Creek Department reported on their activities for the year of 2013. He also brought the new fire truck for everyone to look at.

Dave Hardrath, Chief, Rockwood Fire department, was not in attendance.

Branch Area Recreational Association

Dale Linder, reported on their activities for the year of 2013. They did really well with summer and winter rentals.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Road Work for 2014
Schisel Court will be a 1" overlay. Union Rd from Hilltop to Hershau will possibly be blacktopped. Logwood or Danmar Rd will possibly be chip sealed. It all depends on the bids that come in.
- b. Open Book/Board of Review
Open Book and Board of Review will be held in fall 2014. We will need to Open the BOR at the next monthly meeting, May 14 and postpone it until the fall.
- c. New Garage Doors
On the east side of the building where we keep the loader, there are two small doors that are going to be combined into one big door. This way the trucks and other equipment can be put in the garage so it won't freeze up in the winter time. The total price was around \$11,000.
- d. Recycling/Garbage Charges
There was a discussion about possibly charging for ash. It isn't for the little bit of ashes someone brings in, it is the barrels of ash that come in. What is the town's opinion of that? Art Stanzel believes we should charge \$5 for a 55 gallon barrel. The Town does get charged \$5 a ton by Advanced Disposal. However, if a Town person puts the ash it into the town bag that they already paid \$1 for then that will be accepted. The town board will look into in to it.
- e. Ordinance #2014-2
Chairperson Korte asked the electors to accept the motion to accept Ordinance #2014-2. All 22 electors unanimously approved the Ordinance.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, Chairperson Korte made a motion to adjourn; accepted by Ron Wiesner, and unanimous approved by 22 towns' people. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer