

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023 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 19, 2023 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Copies of the minutes from the April 20, 2022 Annual Meeting were distributed. After review, Terry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Wiesner. Upon vote, 13 voted aye by voice vote and 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Stradal presented the financial report to the public. Amy Kohlmann moved to approve the 2022 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Jim Wiesner. Upon vote, 13 voted aye by voice vote and 0 voted nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairperson Stradal opened public input at 7:01 p.m.

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input at 7:01p.m.

REPORTS

Constable

Constable Wiesner reported 11 calls for 2022.

Highway

Road Superintendent Stradal reported on the road work, installation of the ATV road signs, replacing the faded address markers throughout the town, and the purchase of a new plow truck.

Fire Department/First Responders

Josh Stradal, representing Branch Fire Department, reported they had 41 calls in 2022. The current roster is at 33 members.

Amy Kohlmann, representing the Branch First Responder, reported 62 total calls. There are currently 11 EMS members and are recruiting.

Paul Roekle, representing Silver Creek Department and First Responders, reported the fire department had 24 calls in 2022. The current roster is at 32 members. The first responders reported 105 calls last year. The current roster is at 12 members. They will be hosting a Trap Shoot at the Manitowoc Gun Club on April 22 and a Fish Boil on June 2.

Tom Arndt, representing Rockwood Fire Department, reported they had 36 calls in 2022. There are 24 members with their department. They received a grant which they used to purchase air bag lifting apparatus.

County Supervisor – District 21 Supervisor Rick Gerroll provided a report on the County and the courthouse dome project.

Branch Area Recreational Association

Chairperson Stradal provided the BARA report.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Work Completed in 2022

Road Superintendent Stradal reported the 2022 roadwork consisted of 12 culverts, resurfaced a portion of Michigan Ave, chip sealed a portion of Goodwin Rd, repaved the front portion of the Town Hall parking lot, wedged various locations on Town roads, and reconstruction of N Union Rd Bridge.

Road Work for 2023

Road Superintendent Stradal reported the 2023 roadwork will consists of 11 culvert replacements, chip sealing projects of Oakwood Lane and the Stone Rd/Oakwood Lane intersection, along with repaving the east portion of the Town Hall parking lot, the curve on Hwy H, and two patches on Stone Rd.

Open Book/Board of Review

Open Book will be July 18, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Board of Review will be August 2, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Next Annual Meeting – April 17, 2024

The next annual meeting would be Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, Jim Weisner moved to adjourn, seconded by Amy Kohlmann and so moved by the 13 towns' people in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer