

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2019 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 reconvene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI by Chairperson Stradal. Chairperson Stradal led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Stradal introduced the Town Officials: Town Supervisor 1, Tom Wetenkamp; Town Supervisor 2, John Jost; Constable, Todd Hickmann; Clerk/Treasurer, Jessica Backus; and Road Foreman, Jeremy Stradal. Assessor, Scott Tennesen was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Copies of the minutes from the May 9, 2018 Annual Meeting were distributed. After review, Dan Langnese moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Weisner and so moved by the public.

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Chairperson Stradal presented the financial report to the public. Mike Valleskey moved to approve the 2018 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Bob Siehr and so moved by the public.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Stradal closed public input 7:10p.m.

REPORTS

Constable

Constable Hickmann reported 28 calls for 2018.

Highway

Road Foreman Stradal reported that winter plowing went well. About 520 yards of sand and salt were used this plowing season. Road work that would be looked at this year – various culverts, ditch cleaning, and chip sealing.

Assessor

No one in attendance.

Fire Department/First Responders

Jeremy Stradal, representing Branch Fire Department, reported on their activities for the year 2018.

Kyle Newburg, representing Branch First Responders, reported on their activities for the year 2018.

Tom Arndt, representing Rockwood Fire department, reported on their activities for the year of 2018.

Paul Roekle, representing Silver Creek Department and First Responders reported on their activities for the year of 2018.

County Supervisor

No one in attendance.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report.

Branch Area Recreational Association

Ray Berres reported on their activities for the year of 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Work Completed in 2018

Culvert replacement was the work completed in 2018 - Culverts were replaced on Dutch Rd, Whitewater Circle, Village Dr, 3 culverts on Wagon Wheel Rd, Logwood Lane and Basswood Rd.

Road Work for 2019

The possible roadwork for 2019 would be a chip sealing Michigan Ave, Bauch Rd, Sampe Rd, Poplar Rd, and the parking lot. Various culverts in the Town. Once bid opening takes place, then the projects would be determined based on the Street and Road Construction budget.

Invasive Species Control

Chairperson Stradal read the motion to grant continuing authority to the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for (1) the conservation of natural resources either by the town or by a bona fide nonprofit organization including the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Inc. (LNRP) and (2) establishing, maintaining, and repairing ecological areas. Randy Drumm moved to approve the motion as stated by Chairperson Stradal, seconded by Bob Michels. Discussion took place and the town residents voted 18 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain.

Open Book/Board of Review

Board of Review would be July 31, 2019 from 5-7pm.

Open Book would be July 16, 2019 from 3-5 pm.

Next Annual Meeting – April 22, 2020

The next annual meeting would be on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or discussion, Dan Langnese moved to adjourn, seconded by Don Risch and so moved by the 25 towns' people in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer