

APRIL 18, 2023 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald Linsmeier at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read. Motion made by Travis Schisel and seconded by Brian Haas to accept minutes as read. Motion carried. Treasurer's report (current) was given by Mary Muench showed a balance in the Money Market Account and Checkbook of \$438,241.43. Also, the American Rescue Plan has a balance of \$76,978.78. Motion was made by Roger Pingel and seconded by John Polifka to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Travis Schisel of the Lane Use Planning Committee gave an update. He stated there was two rezoning in 2021. Dean Buchholz and Richard Halverson. The cost of application for rezoning for the Town of Cato is \$150.00.

On June 21, 2022, the Town of Cato received \$80,647.12 from the federal government for the half of \$161,294.24, which is allocated for the Town of Cato. The program is called the American Rescue Plan. This money can only be used for eligible projects. For example, the Town of Cato did use \$54,920.00 for culverts. The reporting of these projects have to be reported to the federal government by April 30, 2023, which Mary Muench already did. Manitowoc County as of 2023 will match funds for eligible projects. Examples are culverts, tower upgrades and radio replacement.

A discussion was held on the update of the Website. The town will get a picture of Cato Falls and also, a list of all the businesses in the township. Any business that would like to participate please contact Mary Muench.

Mary Muench, approached the township to hire a deputy clerk/treasurer to train for the position of clerk/treasurer in 2024. Ms. Muench explained this position has become more involved over the years, for example, the election process, American Rescue Plan, budget and grants. It has come to a point there should be a permanent deputy clerk/treasurer. After this person is elected or appointed, I would be happy to be the deputy clerk/treasurer. I have been with the town for 32 years. The board would have to decide if this position stays elected or appointed. If appointed a referendum would be placed on the April 2024 election ballot. A motion was made by Travis Schisel and seconded by Nick Muench to have the board hire a deputy clerk/treasurer. Motion carried. Another motion was made by Travis Schisel and seconded by Debbie Schuh to have a referendum placed on the April 2024 ballot. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Travis Schisel and seconded by Nick Muench for the Town Board to retain road bids for various projects on the agenda. Motion carried. Mary Muench to publish bids for roadwork in the Valders Journal and Herald Times. Among the road projects under discussion include seal coating roads, Hilltop Road (Highway H to Highway S) Lower Falls Road and Old H.. 2" overlay and Pulverize on Stadler Road, along with wedging and crack filling. Also, the removal of two centers on Gjerpen Lane and Golfside Court. Todd Felber requested a children playing sign for Lemberger Lane.

A discussion was held on equipment on equipment update. Mary Muench reported that the town has \$20,000.00 in the 2022 budget and \$40,000.00 for the 2023 budget for equipment replacement. Road Superintendent, Kevin Naidl reported the town needs to purchase a new tandem snowplow. The 2003 Peterbilt has had numerous repairs in the past year. A motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Tony Kohlmann to have Kevin Naidl draft up specifications for a new tandem snowplow and have the Town of Cato board decide on the purchase. Motion carried.

Mary Muench presented the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Jack Kiel to accept Financial Report. Motion carried. Also, a motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Todd Felber to place \$40,000.00 in a Municipal Money Market Account at Collins State Bank. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Haas and seconded by Travis Schisel to authorize the Board to retain Bank First and/or Collins Bank as official depository and to do short term borrowing. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nick Muench and seconded by Roger Pingel to set the Annual Meeting for April 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

County Supervisor Nick Muench also addressed the crowd with a county government update and to answer questions. He stated the debt ratio for Manitowoc County is low. Also, stated discussed was the dome for the Manitowoc County Courthouse. At this time, there is an Ad Hoc Committee reviewing all the details

Travis Schisel gave an update on the Valders School District.. He stated the initial resolution authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,900,000 passed on the April election.

A motion was made by John Polifka and seconded by Nick Muench to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion carried.

MARY MUENCH
CLERK/TREASURER
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