

**Town of Saukville  
Annual Town Meeting  
3762 Lakeland Rd., Saukville, WI**

**Minutes**

**April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Don Hamm, Chairman  
Gloria Arredondo, Treasurer**

**Curt Rutkowski, Supervisor  
Naomi Bruecker, Clerk**

**Mike Denzien, Supervisor**

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamm at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were in attendance; Marvin & Eileen Hoffmann, Al Gosewehr; Mark Jaeger, Ozaukee Press; Ginny Pierson, Diane Hamm, Rita Pavlik, Ken Watry; Barb Jobs, District #3 County Supervisor, Terie Leicht, Tim Day, Jim Proefrock, Peggy Brown; Carol Willick, G2 Insurance and Matthew Lueck, Rural Mutual Insurance; Brad Hoeschen, Town Attorney; Bruce Schoenleber; Mark Chesak, Newburg Fire Chief & Jeff Gonzalez, Asst. Fire Chief; Wally Grotelueschen, Building Inspector, and Victor Frank. Chairman Hamm introduced Brad Hoeschen our new and additional Town Attorney. Atty. Hoeschen will assist with legal matters for the Town in addition to Atty John DeStefanis who is semi-retired.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge was recited by all.
- 3. Public Notice.** Chairman Hamm acknowledged the notice.
- 4. Approval of April 21, 2015 Annual Town Meeting minutes.** A motion was made by Rita Pavlik to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Terie Leicht. The motion passed unanimously.  
Ayes: 12 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1
- 5. Building Inspector's Annual Report.** Wally Grotelueschen introduced himself and shared the highlights of the 2015 building permits.
- 6. Fire Department's Annual Report.** Mark Chesak, Fire Chief, introduced Jeff Gonzalez, Asst. Fire Chief, and then reported the fire and EMS actions that served our town for 2015. Al Gosewehr requested an explanation of why the Village of Saukville attended a recent grass fire in the Town. Mr. Chesak explained that the Town is divided into four sections of coverage by a consortium of fire departments including Port Washington, Waubeka, Newburg and the Village of Saukville.
- 7. Town Chairman's Annual Report.** Chairman Hamm gave a summary of accomplishments for the Town month-by month. Two ordinances were passed as well four resolutions. The Town entered into agreements with Ozaukee County on our new election equipment and LIDAR, the new GIS website. A three-year fire protection contract was renewed with the Village of Newburg fire department. Orchard Lane was closed as requested by local residents. Infinity Telecom was hired and saved the Town \$6,183.09 on telephone bills.

**8. 2015 Financial Summary Report.** \$434,000 in taxes were collected in 2015 reported Chairman Hamm. Other sources of income including permits, licenses and fees brought the total income of the Town to \$605,698 .00. Expenses for 2015 were \$479,681, and the net income was \$126,017. Since there was no road construction last year, the Town Board plans to spend \$69,000.00 in 2016 to repair roads. A motion was made by Al Gosewehr to approve the Financial Summary Report. The motion was seconded by Rita Pavlik. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 12 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

**9. Entertain motions, discussion and issues raised by the electorate present.** Terie Leicht was the first resident to raise an issue. She inquired about the process for inspecting town roads. Supervisor Rutkowski explained the Annual Town Road tour assesses the 40 miles of town roads for the benefit of the Town Board to make decisions on road repairs as well as to report road conditions to the State. Ms. Leicht resumed her discussion in regards to Blueberry Road. She stated she has never seen the road look this bad in the many years she has lived here. It is a safety issue for children on bicycles, motorcyclists, car drivers and pedestrians. Ginny Pierson asked what would be involved to resurface Blueberry Road. Discussion followed explaining that Blueberry Road is a “floating road” which means it was built over a marshy area using logs to shape the initial road. Stumps and logs are preserved by the wetness and continually work their way to the surface through the asphalt. This creates an on-going problem to keep the road repaired. Bruce Schoenleber expressed an opinion that since this road is unstable, it would be throwing money into a pit, and he was against patching the road. It is better to maintain good roads than spend a lot of money repairing one bad road over and over. Ms. Leicht asked if we can use cash reserves to invest in our roads. Another discussion followed relating to how to pay for road improvements. One mile of road can cost \$125,000.00 to repave. Marvin Hoffmann mentioned borrowing money to pay for roads is not the route for Saukville to take. We do not want to go into debt over road repairs. Peggy Brown suggested the Town pursue a well written referendum requesting funds for road repairs. Ken Watry made a motion to repair potholes on Blueberry Road between Meadowlark Road and E. Hawthorne Drive. The motion was seconded by Terie Leicht. The motion passed.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 6 Abstain: 1

A second motion was made by Marvin Hoffmann for the Town Board to use their discretion while spending money on road repairs for the northern section of Blueberry Road (between Meadowlark Road and E. Hawthorne Drive). Al Gosewehr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: 13 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Victor Frank mentioned road repair expenses could be alleviated by Resolution 2015-01 which requested compensation from Ozaukee County for loss of natural resources to our town due to quarry operations.

This resolution requests indirect compensation through road repairs. The resolution is still under consideration by Ozaukee County. Barb Jobs commented on the reorganization of the Ozaukee County Highway Department, and their negotiations to combine highway departments with Washington County are still on-going. The next topic was brought up by Al Gosewehr about ditch mowing. Mr. Gosewehr requested that ditch mowing begin earlier, around July 1<sup>st</sup>, to avoid weeds going to seed before they are mowed. The Town Board shared that mowing ditches twice this year has already been approved and budgeted for. Jim Proefrock explained that the first mowing will be to cut down emerging weeds between the road and ditch, and the second mowing will extend from the road through the ditch to the property line. A motion was made by Al Gosewehr to mow ditches in early July and early October. The motion was seconded by Marvin Hoffmann. The motion passed.

Ayes: 9 Nays: 1 Abstain: 2

**10. Set Annual meeting date for 2017 (April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.).** Al Gosewehr made a motion to accept the April 18<sup>th</sup> date for the next Annual Town meeting. Marvin Hoffmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Adjournment.** Al Gosewehr made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town meeting. The motion was seconded by Marvin Hoffmann. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Naomi Bruecker, Clerk  
Town of Saukville**