

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

April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Don Hamm, Chairman

Gloria Arredondo, Treasurer

Mike Denzien, Supervisor

Naomi Bruecker, Clerk

Curt Rutkowski, Supervisor

(excused)

1. **Call to order/Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by Town Chairman Hamm at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Deborah Port, Rita Pavlik, Marvin & Eileen Hoffmann, Violet & Albin VandeBoom, Diane Hamm, Ginny Pierson, Susan Eaton, Pam Smith, Marcia Noske, Barbara Jobs, Seetha Denzien, Walt Grotelueschen and Mary Bell.
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** Chairman Hamm led the committee in reciting the Pledge.
3. **Public Notice:** **This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes to apprise the public and news media of the subject matters intended for discussion, consideration and action.** Chairman Hamm read the notice.
4. **Approval of April 15, 2014 Annual Town Meeting minutes.** A motion was made by Marvin Hoffmann to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Rita Pavlik. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes = 15, Nays = 0.
5. **Building Inspector's Annual Report:** Walt Grotelueschen read the lists of building permits for homes, garages, additions and sheds. There were also 35 electric permits, 17 plumbing permits and 15 HVAC permits since last year. 120 inspections were made in all by Mr. Grotelueschen. A motion was made by Susan Eaton to accept the Building Inspector's Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Albin VandeBoom. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes = 15, Nays = 0.
6. **Fire Department's Annual Report:** Due to an unexpected house fire in Newburg, the Fire Department Chief was unable to attend. This report will be presented at next month's Town Board meeting. Walt Grotelueschen answered questions for the Town. The annual contract with Newburg's Fire Department ends August 2015. Newburg provides service to the Town of Saukville from the border up to Lakeland Road. The Fredonia Fire Department provides service to the northeast section of the Town including Riverview Trail, Hawthorne Drive and Willow Road. A motion was made to accept the information provided by Walt Grotelueschen into the Annual Town meeting minutes by Albin VandeBoom, and seconded by Rita Pavlik. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes = 15, Nays = 0.
7. **Town Chairman's Annual Report:** Chairman Hamm read the list of Town achievements from the time he took office until the present. Some of the highlights were the change in personnel, changing the Town hours, agreement of the reclamation plan with Ozaukee County for the Opitz gravel pit, staffing changes made at the Recycling Center, renewing contracts and reviewing the Town zoning ordinances. Seven site plan reviews and four land divisions were approved this year. Susan Eaton made a motion to accept the Chairman's Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Marcia Noske. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes = 16, Nays = 0.
8. **2014 Financial Summary Report:** Chairman Hamm reviewed the 2014 Financial Summary. Don explained that our income side is slightly higher than expected and yet still close to the planned budget. This may be due to payment of garbage collection fees and nonmetallic mining fees. The expense side of the budget is also higher than expected. Legal fees due to diligent work by the Quarry Committee as well as hiring Endpoint Solutions as a consultant on the Opitz quarry reclamation plan increased Town expenses. The Town also paid salaries to two Town Clerks while Ms. Bruecker was being trained by Bill Cording. Heating costs for the Town Hall were high in 2014 due to heavier than normal snowfalls and low temperatures. Snow plowing in the winter and increased vegetation control in the summer was also cited as reasons for the increase in Town expenses. \$103,053.00 is left over and may be applied to road repairs. Rita Pavlik made a motion to accept the Financial Summary Report. The motion was seconded by Albin Vande Boom. The motion passed unanimously. Ayes = 16, Nays = 0.

- 9. Entertain motions, discussion and issues raised by the electorate present:** Marvin Hoffmann presented two motions regarding possible future negotiations with Payne & Dolan for quarry development and restoration of properties owned by Payne & Dolan that had previously been quarried. Discussion followed as to the best way to proceed and appropriately handle negotiations with Payne & Dolan. An initial vote turned down the first motion as written since many felt it would be difficult to achieve a conclusion with a public meeting that could ultimately become very large and consequently unproductive. Marvin Hoffmann made a motion to accept his first motion. The motion was seconded by Rita Pavlik. Ayes = 1, Nays = 8, the motion was not carried. An amended version was then presented to allow the Town Board to convene and conduct negotiations in a smaller group which would be followed by an open Public Hearing. Marcia Noske made a motion to amend the first motion to allow the Town Board to negotiate in the Town's behalf, but not sign any agreement without first presenting the outcome of the negotiations at an open Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Diane Hamm. The motion passed. Ayes = 9, Nays = 1.

The second motion presented by Marvin Hoffman was followed by a discussion including some history of other Payne & Dolan properties that were not properly recovered. A Certificate of Completion had not been issued to this property. This land was later donated to become a Conservation Easement which caused Payne & Dolan to give away any development rights in lieu of paying taxes. A motion was made by Marvin Hoffmann to have the Quarry Committee consider and recommend future restoration plans with Payne & Dolan, submit these plans to the Plan Commission for their approval before sending the plans to the Town Board for final approval. The motion was seconded by Rita Pavlik. The motion passed. Ayes = 9, Nays = 0.

Next, Marcia Noske made a motion to limit public comments not to exceed five minutes per person. The motion was seconded by Pam Smith. The motion failed. Ayes = 4, Nays = 7.

Last of all, Mike Denzien shared the concerns of a resident who was unable to attend. The resident is a farmer in the Town of Saukville and he felt the brush cutting was done too late in the season to do any good. Weed seed is already mature and spreading across fields. He requested the Town consider brush cutting much earlier in the summer.

- 10. Set Annual meeting date for 2016.** The next Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

- 11. Adjournment:** Marcia Noske made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the Town Board; the motion was seconded by Susan Eaton. The meeting of the Town Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Bruecker, Clerk

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