

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Town Chairperson Scott Buth.

Roll Call: There were 9 electors present including: Shirley Boos, Dawn Lynn, John Kannard, Wade Wilson, Gary Jackson, Barry Boos, Ruth Fraley, Paul Goeglein, and Scott Buth. Also present was Dennis Stair, the Town Operations Manager, who is NOT an elector of the Town of Sullivan.

Verification of Proper Notice: The meeting notice/agenda was published on the Town Website by Clerk, Dawn Lynn, on the boards around Town, and at the Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes: John Kannard made a motion to approve 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Barry Boos 2nd. *Motion carried 9-0*

Meeting Purpose: The Chair stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the town electors to attend to discuss town matters. The Chairperson shall be Town Chair and the Secretary shall be Town Clerk. The meeting must be held the 3rd Tuesday of April unless otherwise noted properly. There is no quorum required and any motions are passed by the majority vote of the attendees.

Financial Report: Johnson Block prepared a financial report for 2019 and copies were handed out to the Town Electors to review. Chairman Buth explained that page 3 has a balance sheet which is a snapshot of the last day of the year of 2019. It shows money we've collected and the money we paid out. It shows the property tax levy that was passed. It shows any money left over was put into our Fund Balance. A Fund Balance is like a savings account for the Town for emergency or something else unforeseen. The last page is a copy of our Form CT which we are required to file showing our indebtedness. It shows how much we've borrowed over the last several years, and how much we have paid off thus far. John Kannard asked if we have a Fund Balance policy which states how much has to be in the account. Chairman Buth stated we do not have a policy, however it's usually between 10% and 20% of what our annual budget is. After discussion and reviewing of the report, a motion to accept the report was made by John Kannard and 2nd was made by Scott Buth. *Motion carried 9-0.*

Rome Fire District Report: Fire District Commissioner, Wade Wilson handed out a Statement of Operation for the Electors to review. He stated there were 54 calls in 2019. The new tanker with 3000-gallon capacity was delivered in Spring of 2019. Also purchased a battery powered spreader/ram with fundraiser money and donations. A DNR grant was received and used to buy new Wildland Firefighting Coveralls for all the members. The 2% dues from the state will be used to replace turnout gear. There are currently 26 active firefighters, and there is one female waiting to take classes. Currently the District has a rating of 7.

Western Lakes Fire District Report (EMS): Chief Brad Bowen was present to give his report. He handed the board a packet that has the overview of EMS and Fire Services for the surrounding communities. Average response time for Town of Sullivan was 9 min and 55 sec in 2018 and is now 7 min and 30 sec. Chief Bowen explained that sometimes residents will see ambulances driving around and that's because they are learning the roads. Chairman Buth said a few residents have asked what the money goes for that we pay them and also about how much does a trip in the ambulance cost a resident? Chief Bowen explained that the money the communities pay goes for wages, and equipment to be ready at any given time. He said ½ of their budget comes from Tax Levy, and the other ½ comes from the 2% fire dues, ambulance revenues, etc. When someone gets transported in an ambulance, basic life support starts at about \$700 that gets billed to the Insurance Company or Medicare. If they don't have insurance, they usually work out a payment plan with the resident.

Sanitary District Report: Operator-In-Charge, Nate Tillis was present to give a report on behalf of the Sanitary District. He stated that the Town of Sullivan will need to build a new plant which will be about \$4.2 million. They will be applying for a grant that will hopefully pay about 35%. They are about 50% done with the design at this point. Bidding will happen towards the end of the year, and hopefully break ground in the Spring of 2021. The Village of Sullivan will be having their wastewater pumped to our new facility. The Village will be responsible for the entire cost of the Force Main. A newly formed entity was developed with a member from the Sanitary District, members from the Village, and a few other members. The Annual Report was submitted to the DNR and we earned a 3.84 out of 4. The lift station at Pickets has been updated which helped in our high grade.

New Business: Dennis Stair and Andy Bauer who work for the Town, made up a list of all the things that they have done together around town since the first of the year. It was a pretty long list, and many people have made positive comments about all the things that have been done.

Old Business: None

Hearing from Citizens: None

Adjournment: Barry Boos made a motion with John Kannard 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. ***Motion carried. 9-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Lynn, Clerk