

Meeting of the Electors
Saturday, May 14, 2022
11:00
Townsend Fire Station
17937 Front Street

1. Chairperson Carla VanCamp called the meeting to order at 11:05am
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Joe Heyrman, Clerk Linda Ziegler. 198 Citizens (1 visitor)
4. Verification of proper agenda notice: Ziegler stated that the Notice for the Special meeting of the electors was posted, as a class 2 notice under CH 985, in the Lakes/Forest Beacon April 25, and May 2, 2022, and the Oconto County Reporter April 27 and May 4, 2022. Notices were also posted at the Townsend Post Office, Townsend Town Hall, Laona State Bank, Townsend branch, and www.townsendwisconsin.org on April 27, 2022.
5. Order of Business
 - a. Town of Townsend Town Hall Proposal. VanCamp stated that the only order of business is on the Town Hall, no other business will be entertained.
 - b. Motion on the Floor: Be it resolved that we, the town electors of the Town of Townsend, being duly assembled at the special town meeting on May 14, 2022, do/do not hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Townsend to construct a new town hall at a cost not to exceed \$1.9M, pursuant to sec.60.10(2)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
 - c. Discussion: #150 (Cathy Seibel) I am not an elector but have two properties in Townsend. Are you sure the \$1.9M will cover everything for the cost of this project, and is there a contingency plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the building for the future? VanCamp stated there is a hall and grounds depreciation fund that takes care of the building. The upkeep is not calculated in the \$1.9M. Seibel asked how much it would cost to update the current building? VanCamp stated the building is past it's upgrade. 5 years ago, the septic went out and is a holding tank only. The right of way is held by the Railroad and the State Highway, and the town is unable to rebuild at the present location. Seibel asked about the removal of the building and if that cost is included in the \$1.9M. VanCamp said if someone wants the building, then can move it. The Town has a quote for demolition for \$5000.00. This is not part of the proposed building budget.
#252 (Mike VandeWalle) Why does #150 have a card if she cannot vote? Everyone is welcome to participate in discussion. She was not given a voting ballot
#154 (Dan Martin) I have worked on this advisory committee, and we worked very hard to get where were at. The \$1.9M is the limit. How much more money do we stick into the current building. It's not worth it. It was supposed to be attached to the fire department. The station that we are in is 12-15 years old, and the Fire Department has a very functional building. A new fire department is a "want". The

new town hall is a “need”. There is so much that happens in the hall. It is not in competition with any businesses. Businesspeople should be behind this since will improve the town look.

#127 (Kathleen Marsh) See letter

#25 (Ellen Gruna) I agree we need an upgrade, but can it do this in stages to reduce the costs? VanCamp said no, when you do a project it’s like building ½ a house, when you start to add on. The committee spent a lot of time on this plan, absolutely. We can’t do anything with the current building because of the septic and electricity.

Ellen said she isn’t opposed to an upgrade or new building, but it should be done in stages.

#154 (Dan Martin) the current building is 40x80, the new plan is 100x50. The current hall is 55x40, the new plan hall is 50x50. The new plan is not that much bigger than the current hall.

#121 (Kari Hinkens) I am not opposed to a new town hall but think the fire department should be part of the construction. We’ll need a new department in the future, this would save money by having shared bathrooms, kitchen, meeting rooms.

#135 (Astin Krueger) As someone who grew up in this area, my daughter and her generation do not plan on using this town hall. They will be planning their events outdoors, at other venues like churches and other area new facilities that have been built. There are other things in this town that need to be repaired before we build a town hall. My daughter will be paying this for many years and not using it.

#41 (Dick Culvert) would a new town hall accommodate this size group? VanCamp – yes. Culvert, - Would the current town Hall? VanCamp – no.

#132 (Jim Liesenfelder) On the pictures of the plans, are the plans state approved? VanCamp said they are not approved, since we must go through this process before we move forward.

VanCamp called for the end of discussion at 11:27

- d. Restate motion: Be it resolved that we, the town electors of the Town of Townsend, being duly assembled at the special town meeting on May 14, 2022, do/do not hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Townsend to construct a new town hall at a cost not to exceed \$1.9M, pursuant to sec.60.10(2)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
6. Chairperson VanCamp calls for vote. Electors can mark ballot, turn in, and leave if they wish
7. Chairperson VanCamp declared the polls are closed @ 12:02pm
8. Ballots are collected and counted
9. Declaration of results- 12:26pm- Number of electors present 198, Yes 70, No 125, abstained 3
10. VanCamp made the motion to adjourn the meeting of the electors at 12:27pm.

***Respectfully submitted by Linda Ziegler
Town Clerk of the Town of Townsend***