

Annual Meeting of the Electors Minutes from April 18, 2023

Chairperson Carla VanCamp called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 56 electors were in attendance.

Clerk Linda Ziegler stated that the Annual Meeting Notice was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, The Townsend post office, Laona State Bank, Townsend location and www.Townsendwisconsin.org on March 24, 2023 and the agenda was posted at the same locations on April 11, 2023.

Dan Martin made the motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022, electors meeting, 2nd by Larry Market.

Van Camp gave a review of the 2022 budget. Inflation added extra expense to almost everything, but the town faired well. Archibald Parkway from Topper to Appleton was resurfaced. Burnt Dam had a spot repair that seems to be holding well. 2794 ft of Sayer Lake along w/ 2 culverts were resurfaced. A patch of Red Maple was repaired, Chip seal on 500 ft of McCaslin Dr and Aspen to Valley View, and Elm, Fawn and Pearl streets were surfaced utilizing ARPA funds. The Town purchased some highway attachments and down payment on the fire truck and paid off the Ambulance loan.

- 1) NOCCO – report on file - Officer Andy Dryja gave a report regarding the County Sheriffs staffing in this Area 3 of the County. Dryja lives in the area and there is a day and night car with A&B shifts that rotate. In 2022 they responded to 732 calls, 392 snowmobile incidents and 29 ATV incidents. Dryja can be reached at 715-850-0550
- 2) Community Ambulance report – report on file-Chief Steve Harkema stated that 2022 saw 20% higher calls due to higher tourism and residencies. There is a continued need for more part-time people to fill positions for EMR, EMT-b, AEMT and drivers. They are hoping to fill a full-time position soon. A \$125,000 grant was awarded which was used to upgrade equipment, training and recruitment and retention.
- 3) Townsend Fire Department – report on file – Chief Dawn Herlache said the department currently has 24 members and continues to recruit firefighters and volunteers to the “Friends of Townsend Fire” committee. In 2022, they had 38 calls, which included structure fires, wildfires, ATV/snowmobile assists and misc calls. The new fire truck should be delivered in February 2024. CWPP risk reduction will be in June on Little Archibald, Bullfrog and Oralea roads.
- 4) Townsend Festival Association – report on file – President Cindy Bronold said the association is committee to raising money to maintain and make repairs to Festival Park.

There is a continual need for more members/volunteers. Spring clean up at the park if May 5th beginning at 2pm. They will be sprucing up some of the structures, also. There is a need for a new T-Ball Coach.

Men's softball tournament will be June 10 and there are plans for a Jack n Jill Corn hole tourney.

July 4th parade at noon with crafters and concessions and games begin at 6pm prior to the fireworks.

- 5) Mary Lake District – report on file
- 6) Inland Lakes P&R District #1 – report on file – Chairperson Jim O'Neil acknowledged the passing of Al Benson, not only a valuable contributor to the Inland Lakes, but to the community. He will be missed. The management of Eurasian milfoil continues and several spots in Reservoir Pond will be treated this spring. O'Neil asked the board to consider repairs to the Horn Lake boat landing.
- 7) Pickerel/Chain Lakes Association – report on file – President Jim Lamers said this is their 10th year in existence. Motivated to reduce the winter fish kill, the association continues to operate aeration systems on Pickerel, Little Pickerel, and Smoke Lake. To control the influx of bullhead in the lake system, the DNR is considering stocking largemouth bass. Their annual fundraiser is July 22nd at Oughton Park.
- 8) Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV Club – report on file – President Bob Berth said the club has 450 members. They continue to improve the trail systems. The last of the anti-dust spray applications will be applied later in April. A rehab of the Wildwood trail on the north side in the Nicolet Forest is underway and trail improvements to the Lower Loop are in the works. Much of the Red Arrow Budget goes towards fuel and equipment maintenance. Their fundraisers include the Family Fun Fest in February and Annual Corn Roast in September.
- 9) Lakes Country Library- report on file – Trustee Representative Kathleen Marsh said the library is owned and operated by the Towns of Doty, Lakewood, Riverview, and Townsend under a Joint Library Agreement signed in 2020. A 3000 Sq Ft expansion and renovation project was launched in 2022 and the building committee is very close to procuring their funding and hiring the contractor. Donations are always appreciated, but, if anything, please make sure you get a library card...it raises the formula for funding from the county.
- 10) Town Advisory Committee – report on file – Linda Adamczyk said the committee was started in 2018 to establish a three-, five- and ten-year plan of moving our town forward. Since then, the committee has resurrected the annual Holiday tree lighting and social, and the cribbage/dominos games during the winter. Oughton Park has been rejuvenated and has become a great place for gatherings and water sports. Cassler Park was cleaned up, a new dock put in along with free kayaks and launch. 2022 was the 1st annual Kick Off to Fall Chili Contest, which was very successful.

11) Additional Business: Kathleen Marsh suggested that there may be a need to combine the Clerk/Treasurer position and make this an appointed position. Marsh made the motion to form a committee to research appointing the clerk and treasurer position, 2nd by Dawn Herlache.

33 yah, 0 nay. Marsh made the motion to increase the pay for board members, the clerk and the treasure beginning with the next term (2025), 2nd by Herlache. 56 yah 0 nay

12) The next Annual Electors meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6pm

Announcements: Carla VanCamp thanked the electors and the board for their help during her six-year chairperson tenure. Linda Adamczyk thanked the Electors for her 4 years as clerk and 6 years on the board and Joe Heyrman stated he had fun in his 2 years and looks forward to continuing to help. The 2023-2025 board was introduced: Chairperson Monica Zeller, Supervisor Chuck DeMoulin and Supervisor Willie Evans.

Chris Suave made the motion to adjourn at 7:38, 2nd by Don DeSimone – M/A