

Annual Meeting of the Electors

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

6:00pm

Carla VanCamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. 19 Citizens were in attendance along with Chairperson VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Robert Heyrman, Treasurer Beth Hartman and Clerk Linda Ziegler

Tom Derrickson made the motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2021, 2nd by Tim McGuire.

1) VanCamp gave a review of 2021: Road projects included Forest Hill, Dencur Ln and Dencur Circle, West Burnt Dam Rd, Valley View to Red Maple and the culvert on Archibald Parkway. Additional projects included the approaches on Townsend Dam Bridge and E-Chain Lake Rd.

The highway was over budget because of E. Chain Lake Rd, but Lakewood was resurfacing their portion, so it made sense to do the Townsend portion. Forest Hill Rd was funded through a Forest Service Grant; however, the town did not get reimbursed until February 2022. The town purchased additional culverts in 2021 for the 2022 projects due to increasing costs.

The recycling costs were over budget. There were 3 dumpsters of electronics in 2021 and the hauling costs increased by 5% in October.

2) Fire Department (report on file). Chief Dawn Herlache stated that there are 26 volunteers, 4 new in 2022. There were 28 calls responded to in 2021. The new fire truck is on order and should be delivered in 2023. There is a risk reduction project in the Horn Lake area in August. This is funded by CWPP and encourages landowners to widen their drive areas for emergency vehicle access. There will be a chipper available to aid the landowners with their refuse. July 4th festival is being planned along with other fund-raising opportunities.

3) Town Advisory – Roger Wight stated that the committee is continuing to promote the new town hall project. The Committee also maintains the skating rink and organized the tree lighting ceremony and Holiday lighting contest. New LED lights were purchased for the tree and the owners of Long Branch hired a boom to arrange them.

4) Townsend Festival Committee (report on file) – Cindy Bronold said the concession stand and bathroom will get new roofs this year. T-Ball will start mid-May. Scott VanLannen is in charge. The craft show will be held July 4th at the town hall. The men's softball tournament has been moved to August 20th. Ball Park clean-up is May 7 @ 1pm and the committee is always looking for volunteers in the concessions.

5) Comprehensive Planning Commission – Tim McGuire said there has been little activity, however they will be meeting to discuss the short-term rental regulations. There have been no updates from Oconto County.

6) Archibald Lake Association– Tim McGuire state that the association will be treating two 2 acres areas with Procellacor Herbicide to treat the Eurasian Water Milfoil. There are no grants available this year, so the membership will be footing the \$20,000 bill. The Association will be requesting that Townsend request a permit from the DNR to clean up the boat landing. They will be putting up new signage and hoping to get a handicap accessible, 40-foot, roll-in dock. They have found zebra mussels in the lake.

7) Mary Lake (report on file) no rep – The District is working with the DNR fisheries and the Forest Service to try to reduce the pan fish bag limit. The boat launch fees were increased to \$8.00 daily. Mary Lake has been awarded a position in the Oconto County Lakes Project and will begin a 2-year lake management plan.

8) Townsend Flowage Protection District (report on file) – John Zimdars state that in 2020, they did whole lake herbicide at the cost of \$132,000. The treatment was extremely successful for 2021 and reduced the weed cutting. There will be some Eurasian Water Milfoil spot treatments in 2022 in the north basin. TFPD paid out over \$13,000 to landowners to participated in the WDNR healthy lakes program. The Red Maple Dock has been repaired. TFPD has taken over the kids fishing tournament held at Wendt’s Sandbar July 2, 2022.

9) Inland Lakes P&R Dist. #1 (report on file) – Jim O’Neil said the 2020 herbicide treatment was very successful. The water is healthy and vibrant, although the district continues with spot treatments for Eurasian Water Milfoil. There is continued need for volunteers to monitor the boat landings, water clarity, oxygenation, etc. There will be GPS on the cutters provided by and regulated by the DNR.

10) Pickerel Chain Lake Association (report on file) – Jim Lamers said all three lakes have aerators which have been effective in preventing winter fish kills. They continue fund raising to plant fish and have a fund put aside in case they would have to start AIS treatments. PCLA is asking Townsend to improve the benches at the beach. They will be cleaning the beach and putting in the dock soon. The three lakes are part of the Oconto County Lakes program to update the lake management plan. They have implemented the Clean Boats, Clean Water program and need volunteers. The WDNR removed over 16,000 bullheads from the lake in 2021 and they are looking to secure large, large-mouth bass to stock. The annual picnic will be at Oughton Park July 23rd, 2022.

11) Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV Club – no report or representative

12) Lakes Country Library (report on file) – Jim Adamczyk said the 2021 circulation was 33,733 items, the highest in Oconto County. The library had many activities such as the

summer reading program, take and make projects, and book giveaways. 2022 has a schedule of events. The expansion project continues, and fundraising events are being planned.

13) Community Ambulance (report on file) – Steve Harkema said 2021 saw 223 emergency situations. Fifty-three were no transport calls. There is a dire need for more part-time positions and drivers. Recruitment continues to be difficult yet very necessary with an aging volunteer force. Covid-19 is the most difficult challenge and many of the personnel have contracted the virus. The department was able to upgrade #4012 with a Stryker power load to assist with loading patients. They also purchased a Lucas device which performs automated CPR. These purchases were the result of state, federal grants and private donations. The board of directors consists of 3 ambulance employees, and 2 citizens at large from both Townsend and Lakewood. The board meets quarterly.

Additional Business

A Special Meeting of the Electors has been called by the Townsend Town Board for Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 11-1pm to vote on building a new town hall.

The next Annual Meeting of the Electors will be held April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm

Larry Market made the motion to adjourn at 7:13, 2nd by Tim McGuire – M/A