

2019 Town of Wood River Annual Meeting
April 20th, 2019

Chairman Joel Johnson called the Annual Town meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Nelson Elementary School located on Hwy 70 in Alpha WI.

****Resolution to purchase land:** The Town was given an opportunity to purchase the adjoining lot from Burnett Dairy for the price of \$1. Parcel located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 15, Township 38 North, Range 18 West. Stan Peer made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01. Chuck Swenson seconded it. Vote by a show of hands: 24 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. MC.

****Resolution to authorize petition for 50% funding from Burnett County for N. Williams Rd. bridge repair:** Pier P-7-0047, located on N. Williams Rd. is in need of additional analysis and repair. The Town is requesting the passage of a resolution to request 50% funding from Burnett County for the further analysis of the bridge and bridge repair costs. Virginia Hennessey made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02. Mike Chell seconded the motion. Vote by a show of hands: 25 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain. MC.

****The minutes from the 2018 Annual meeting were discussed.** A request was made to have unapproved minutes posted on website earlier. Joel Johnson mentioned that the Town had contracted with a new webhost. A motion was made by Daryl Wedin to accept the minutes as written. Donald Chell seconded the motion. Vote by a show of hands: 25 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

****The Financial Report was reviewed.** A motion was made by Stan Peer to accept the Financial Report as written. Daryl Wedin seconded the motion. Motion carried with a hand vote. 25 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed. Ron Burg asked why the dates on the report did not reflect the full year. Raylene Swanson stated that the income from the end of December needs to be added in to reflect the next year's budget. Ron stated that he will work on improving that issue.

****Gopher Bounty:** Donald Chell made a motion to set the gopher bounty at \$2/tail with a cap of \$750. Mike Chell seconded it. All voted in favor. MC.

****2018 Road Maint.:** Duane Selander is the new Road Maint. Operator. Joel stated "he's done a great job this first hard winter". Referring to the state funding, Joel stated "you have to spend more than they're giving you to get the 85% payment. They take the 3 year average and go from there". The road plan was including in meeting packet. Joel stated "the new Board will have to make decisions as to what needs to be done. The Road Review is planned for April 26th. There is a challenge to meet the needs". Chuck Swenson stated that there have been a lot of repairs done to the Sterling truck. He asked if there were any plans on that. Joel stated that the transmission had gone out in February and was repaired. It could be a tossup in the future if to keep or repair. Recommends that the new Board evaluate it. Dale Halverson recommended that the new Board takes the Long Range Road Plan seriously and continue to monitor it. Chuck Swenson mentioned about culvert repair. A citizen mentioned about accidents. Joel stated "It's inattentive driving, not dangerous intersections". Work has been done to improve intersections. Citizen asked about the 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom pothole by Thoreson Park. Joel stated that work had been considered to be done by Taylor, whom sold his business. The work did not get done last fall.

****Dale Halverson made a motion to give Power of Authority to access funds for emergency purposes to the Town of Wood River Board.** Motion was seconded by Chuck Swenson. A voice vote of 25 voted in favor. MC.

****Dale Halverson made a motion to change the annual meeting time to 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.** Donald Chell seconded it. Voice vote of 25 ayes passed it. Donald Chell made a motion to set the annual meeting for 2020 on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Nathan Johnson seconded the motion. 25 voted in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

****Public Input:** Brian Nelson said he would like us to show a round of applause for Joel Johnson and the current Board for all they've done. Brian Nelson stated his concern over the potential hog farm in the Town of Trade Lake. His concerns are raised as to the impact on the environment and water. The Clerk suggested that it be put on the May 8th agenda to possibly create a letter of concern and support of an environmental study be performed. Chuck Swenson stated that there were not any concerns for the Peterson Farm. It's something we

cannot control. Garrett Luedtke stated that the Peterson Farm has improved over time. Rick Cunningham stated that the new hog operations are way different than what we are used to. There isn't the smell unless knifing in the soil. Brian Nelson withdrew his request to put his concern on the May 8th agenda. Brian stated that he had spoken to Brian Kinsella, from Wood Lake RV. He said it was a good thing. The process has started of talking. **Mike Chell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Nelson seconded the motion. 25 voted in favor and none opposed. Motion passed. Joel Johnson adjourned the Annual Meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Raylene Swanson, Clerk