

Minutes from the Annual Meeting – Town of Trenton

April 10, 2007 – 8:00 P.M.

Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Elected and Appointed Officials Present: Town Chairman Joe Gonnering, Supervisor John Norman, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Town Attorney Deb Hoffmann, Town Clerk Barbara Davies, Town Treasurer Monica Diaz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Komro, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Frank Mayer.

(All are residents of the Town with the exception of Hoffmann and Mayer.)

Town Residents Present:

Justine Shoppach, Gladys Hron, Raymond Hron, Gene Du Pree, Charlotte Du Pree, Dennis Kay, Michael Bykowski, Wayne Seideman, Clyde Gerner, Lance Unger, James Wollner, Roy Oberheu, Peter Waldkirch.

Total qualified electors of the Town present at the Annual Meeting: 19

Chairman Joe Gonnering called the Annual Meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Gonnering explained that the voters from the Town present at this meeting make and second motions during the annual meeting; these voters then vote “in favor” (aye) or “not in favor”(nay) of the motions. Elected Town Board members are present to hear reports, answer questions, and keep things moving along. It was moved by Dennis Kay and seconded by Lance Unger to approve the Minutes of the 4/11/06 Annual Meeting. No discussion.

Aye: 19. Nay: 0.

Annual Report – Newburg Fire Department:

Chief Peter Waldkirch introduced himself and Assistant Chief Geidel. Waldkirch said he had been presenting the report for the past 18 years and was turning the report duties over to Geidel for tonight. Geidel presented the Department’s Fire Log for the Town of Trenton for 2006. Geidel reported that training is conducted Monday evenings, and focuses extensively on interior house fires; interior search and rescue; and offensive firefighting. There has been a good influx of new members. Geidel reported getting many of the new recruits into EMT school or firefighting school. The new members are now being worked into ambulance runs etc. Dennis Kay asked if the Department had purchased any new equipment in 2006. No major equipment was purchased. Vehicle stabilization kits have been added on the crash truck. Waldkirch said the Department was looking at future purchases of a rescue squad and a new pumper.

Annual Report – Trenton Police Department:

Chief Gabrish is on duty in Grafton. Joe Gonnering presented the highlights of the 2006 Annual Report, presented to the Town Board early in 2007. The Police Department was founded in 1997 and now employs seven part-time officers and an administrative aide.

Audit and budget review:

Clerk Barbara Davies reported that former auditor Ed Virnig has retired; Schenck SC has been hired. The 2006 audit will be completed sometime after 4/15/07.

Treasurer Monica Diaz presented her report for 2006, outlining her responsibilities and accomplishments. Diaz set up credit card payments and property tax payment at the State Bank of Newburg in 2006.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Komro presented her report for 2006, outlining her responsibilities and accomplishments. Komro is the Town's SVRS (state voter registration system) expert, and created and monitors the Town's new website. Komro is also the Town's representative to the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court.

Cable Review Report:

John Norman presented the Cable Review Report. AT&T plans to offer TV service within the Town to about half the residents by 2009. The Town renewed its franchise agreement with Charter Cable for 5 years in 2006. Charter is concerned about AT&T's future offerings. AT&T supports a plan currently being debated at the state level that would allow it to make its franchise deal at the state level, rather than negotiate with each municipality.

Building and Zoning Report:

Building Inspector Frank Mayer presented his report. 19 new single-family residences were constructed in 2006. The total valuation of all permits issued during 2006 was \$5,802,826.00. No new home permits have been sought so far in 2007. Roy Oberheu asked a question about the upcoming revaluation. Mayer clarified how the new construction is tracked and is placed on the tax roll.

Emergency Management Report:

John Norman reported a busy year; "NIMS" certification (national incident management system) is now compulsory at various levels of government. It was made compulsory after Hurricane Katrina. The Town is "NIMS" compliant @12/31/06; another course will be required in 2007 to remain in compliance.

Recycling Committee Report:

Joe Gonnering reported recycling of 690 tons of recyclable goods. The 2006 Recycling Grant of \$20,267.63 was received and used to reduce the special charge to residents for weekly garbage and recycling pickup. Gonnering reported that the Town passed a DNR recycling program audit this year. All paper and cardboard is now recyclable.

Town Plan Report:

Ed Doerr presented an update on the progress of the County Cooperative Plan. Volunteers from various municipalities have now worked just over two years on the SmartGrowth Project. Doerr reported that Trenton is working on a town plan in association with that effort. Doerr said that the Town is looking for three replacement volunteers to attend some of the SmartGrowth meetings. The County has coordinated one "visioning" meeting for Town residents. There will be another one in late April or May. Doerr said he expects the project to take at least another year to complete. Joe Gonnering added that the next meeting is May 22, 2007, 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Ed Doerr said he would like to add this observation: the perception is that the supervisor job is just two meetings a month. Doerr recapped what a month might be like for an elected supervisor.

Equipment, Roads, Snowplowing Report:

Joe Gonnering reported 5.5 miles of blacktopping, 7.5 miles of crackfilling, 8 miles of shouldering, and 20.5 miles of linestriping. There were 31 snowplow callouts using 950T of salt, 250T less than 2005. Gonnering said that the Board was fortunate to have outstanding personnel and equipment. New equipment purchases included a blower to blow debris off park fields, and new shop doors (overhead doors) to replace the original doors from 1976. Gonnering asked the Town employees to stand, and introduced Jim Wollner, Lance Unger, Clyde Gerner, and Wayne Seideman. Gonnering expressed thanks on behalf of the Town residents for the great job done.

County Board Report:

Joe Gonnering said that he asked the other elected County Board members representing the Town to attend this evening's meeting, but neither member was able to attend. Gonnering serves on the Safety Committee Board. 911 cell phone location is now in service in much of the county. The Sheriff's Department will install a new radio system. It is hoped that the new system will see the County through its next ten years of growth. Gonnering also serves on the Appeals Board for the County. The County operates within its budget.

Any Matter, Which May Come Before the Annual Meeting:

Roy Oberheu, 144 Courtland Lane, said that he had a complaint regarding burn barrels. Oberheu said he was tired of the constant "aroma" of burn barrels. Oberheu said he would like to see burn barrels prohibited as his neighbors burn garbage etc. Lengthy discussion followed.

No other matters were brought before the Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Roy Oberheu and seconded by Gladys Hron to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 9:17 P.M. No discussion. Aye: 19. Nay: 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Davies, Town Clerk