

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL MEETING

April 27, 2021

Chrm. Peterson called to order the Town of Washington Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Members Present: Andrea, Kott, Jane Mueller, Micheal Peterson, Bob Solberg, Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2020, ANNUAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Treasurer's Report:

Kim Shult from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, presented the highlights from the 2020 Audit and the Financial Report of Financial Statements for the Town.

Admin. Henning reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for year end, tax collection statistics, and delinquent personal property taxes for 2020.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Clerk's Report:

Admin. Henning presented a summary of elections & voter turnout, and licenses issued.

Administrator's Report:

Admin. Henning presented a summary of road construction projects. Also highlighted was: ordinance enforcement, public hearings, and driveway access permits. The COVID-19 pandemic brought many changes to the office during a very busy Election year; a drop box was installed outside the Town Hall for absentee ballots and tax payments. New tax collection software was implemented this year through Eau Claire County. Two annexations took place this past year to the City of Eau Claire. The Rest Haven Cemetery sales & burials for 2020 were reviewed; revenues continue to outpace expenditures.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Department Report was presented by Aaron Nicholson, Station 2 Battalion Chief. This year presented many challenges due to the pandemic. Training was discontinued for the first half of the year. The annual chicken feed fundraiser was cancelled last year and in its place a fundraising letter was sent to Town residents who responded over and above the \$5,000 goal; as of today we have received \$29,971.15. There continues to be a need of new volunteers for the Fire Department. TFD, Inc. is transitioning from the current dispatcher to a mobile dispatcher in 2021. The Town had two illegal burns in 2020; anyone who burns without a permit or is negligent while burning will be invoiced for the charges and if they do not pay the invoice it is added as special charges to their tax bill.

Other Business:

None

Next Annual Meeting:

Thursday, April 21, 2022 was set for the next Annual Town Meeting.

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk

Attendance: Kim Shult, Brian Christ, Aaron Nicholson