

Annual Meeting Minutes for 2023 Annual Meeting on April 16, 2024

The Town Chairman, Tony Christopherson called the Annual Meeting to order at 7 pm on April 16, 2024.

It was confirmed that the meeting was posted properly and in compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting was posted at the Town Hall, ISB, PO and the website. The meeting was held on the statutory date.

The Town Board including Tony Christopherson, Jeffrey Klemp, Dennis Rhead and Carolyn Loechler were present at the meeting.

Minutes of last year's meeting were presented by the clerk. Jeffrey Klemp made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. Jeff Klemp made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Dennis Rhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented by the clerk. John Scharlau made a motion to approve the financial report. Kelly Bartholemew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery Report: Beginning balance was 3822.29. Ending balance 3923.29. Receipts were 1201.00. Disbursements were 1100. Kevin Gilbertson made a motion to approve the cemetery report. Keith Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Dept Report: Tony Christopherson presented the Fire Dept Report. The TEM pays 46% of the Fire Assessment. The main fire engine is 22 years old. The cost to replace the main fire engine is 500,000 to 600,000 to replace the engine. The TEM will take out a loan to pay for the repair to upgrade the old engine. It will be repaired not refurbished. The fire department purchased a used rescue squad. Colin Fuester is our new fire chief as of January 2023. He has recruited several new volunteer fire fighters. There were 60 calls in 2022 and 80 in 2023. The Fire District Financial report was presented. The current years assessment is \$40,492.56. John Scharlau made a motion to approve the Fire District Report. Joe Nelsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report: Don Knutson resigned at the first of the year. Crystal Smith has taken over as the Colfax Ambulance director. The seconded ambulance was brought to the Elk Mound Fire Hall. There is another ambulance that has been ordered. They will have 4 full time employees. The employees are not getting paid a living wage. A lot of the calls go to the nursing home and Medicare has to reimburse the Colfax Ambulance service and Medicare does not reimburse the actual cost of the services. Several municipalities are a part of the ambulance district. The Town of Elk mound is the largest payer in the ambulance district. This is based on per capita. The Town of Elk Mound is paying \$40 per capita. The current years assessment is \$78,439.20. Jean Burger made a motion to approve the Colfax Ambulance Report. John Scharlau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Report: The Solid Waste per capita went down 3 dollars per capita so the Town of Elk Mound reduced the household charge from \$130.00 to \$120.00.

Any Other Business: Justin Gabriel has been out for quite some time due to health reasons. Brett Konke has agreed to fill in for a while. Thank you for your patience. Pot holes are currently being filled.

An ARIP grant has been applied for on 970th St. The railroad arms will not be added to this as they cost 350,000 and the ARIP grant will not cover this.

No overpasses will be put up on HWY 29 and 906th and H. They wanted to put a MI J Turn. The Town of Elk Mound said no to this project.

Michael Hanson made a motion to set the annual meeting to the statutory date of April 15, 2025. Kevin Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Nelsen made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Jean Burger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The annual meeting adjourned at 7: 50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Loechler, Clerk

Town of Elk Mound, Dunn County, WI

April 17, 2024