

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Annual Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 8:00 PM

Place: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Elected and Appointed Officials Present:

Town Board: Chairman Joseph C. Gonnering, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Supervisor Jeff Esselmann, Clerk Cindy Komro, Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies, Treasurer Monica Diaz, Building Inspector Walter Groteleuschen, Police Chief Joseph Gabrish, Police Captain Emmett Grissom, Police Officer Christopher Cheek, Department of Public Works Director Charles Schmidt. (All are Town residents with the exception of Town Building Inspector Walter Groteleuschen, Police Captain Emmett Grissom, and Police Officer Christopher Cheek.)

Town Residents Present:

Barbara Davies	John Follett	Mark Schaefer
Monica Diaz	Joseph T. Gabrish	Charles Schmidt
Ed Doerr	Joseph C. Gonnering	Timothy Schoonenberg
Charlotte DuPree	Dennis Kay	Wayne Seideman
Gene DuPree	Fred Kimble	George Spaeth
Jeff Esselmann	Cindy Komro	Ray Werhand
Jane Falk	Nick Marx	Paul Wilkens
Robert Falk		

Total qualified electors of the Town present at the beginning of the Annual Meeting: 22

Chairman Gonnering asked those in attendance to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gonnering called the Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Gonnering explained that the qualified electors present are responsible for the business taking place at the Annual Meeting, by presenting the motions. The qualified electors then vote “in favor” of, or “opposed” to, the motions. Elected Town Board members are present to hear reports, answer questions, and help facilitate the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting:

George Spaeth moved to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Annual Meeting. Dennis Kay seconded. Discussion followed and a correction was offered on item #3, approving the Sheriff’s Department Report. Motion carried.

2. Building and Zoning Reports:

Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies reported on the zoning activity in 2016. Building Inspector Walt Grotelueschen submitted a summary report on permits issued for the Town of Trenton in 2016. Chairman Gonnering expressed his thanks to Building Inspector Groteleuschen and Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies for their work in the Town. Fred Kimble moved to accept the Building and Zoning Reports. Jane Falk seconded. Motion carried.

3. Annual Report – Trenton Police Department:

Town Police Chief Joseph Gabrish introduced himself and presented a summary of the Department’s traffic citations, investigations, ordinance violations, parking tickets and service calls in 2016. Captain Emmet Grissom presented a commemorative badge to Chief Gabrish, celebrating his 20 years of service to the Town of Trenton. Chairman Joseph Gonnering thanked the Police Department for its service to the Town. Charlotte DuPree asked how many hours the Police Department typically works in a week. Chief Gabrish answered that an officer is on duty an average of 35 hours per week. Charlotte DuPree moved to approve the Trenton Police Department report. Bob Falk seconded. Motion carried.

4. Annual Report – Washington County Sheriff’s Department:
Captain Bruce Theusch of the Washington County Sheriff’s Department presented the 2016 Washington County Sheriff’s report. Deputy Sheriff Matt Dourn, as the Town liaison, presents monthly reports at Town Board meetings. Ray Werhand moved to accept the Washington County Sheriff Report. Dennis Kay seconded. Motion carried.
5. Annual Report – Newburg Fire Department:
Second Assistant Chief Marty Chesak presented the Newburg Fire Department annual report. Chairman Joseph Gonnering thanked the Fire Department for its service to the Town. Fred Kimble asked when it is prudent to call the Department to report a planned burn. Chesak commented that if there is any doubt, call the Department for advice. Mark Schaefer moved to approve the Fire Department report. Charlotte DePree seconded. Motion carried.
6. Budget Report:
Clerk Cindy Komro presented a summary of the Town's 2016 income and expenses. Town Treasurer Monica Diaz presented the 2016 Property Tax Allocation report. Chairman Joseph Gonnering commended the office staff for their hard work. Wayne Seideman moved to approve the Budget Report. Paul Wilkens seconded. Motion carried.
7. Emergency Government Report:
Supervisor Ed Doerr reported on the Emergency Government in the Town. Nothing significant occurred in 2016 in the Town. The Town employees are not trained to respond to a Hazardous Materials Emergency. The Newburg Fire Department would be contacted. Dennis Kay moved to accept the Emergency Government report. Charlotte DuPree seconded. Motion carried.
8. Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Report:
Supervisor Ed Doerr reported on the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court (MMMC). The Town of Trenton is a member of the multi-community court, which administers collections on the citations issued in the Town. Dennis Kay asked how many municipalities are part of the MMMC. Ed Doerr answered that 16 municipalities are within the Court. Bob Falk moved to accept the MMMC report. Dennis Kay seconded. Motion carried.
9. Garbage & Recycling Committee Report:
Supervisor Jeff Esselmann reported on the Town’s recycling in 2016. The Town has a high rate of recycling, more than double the average in the state. The Town’s recycling efforts result in a recycling grant each year equal to about \$15,000. Police Chief Joe Gabrish asked about the driver responsibility for containing the trash and recycling within the truck. Chairman Joe Gonnering commented that a recent meeting between himself, Town Clerk Cindy Komro and Advanced Disposal representatives addressed some of those concerns. Charlotte DuPree asked whether recycling can be bagged to minimize the risk of items blowing away. Chairman Joe Gonnering confirmed that recycling can be bagged, and a clear bag is not required. Dennis Kay commented that often the drivers are dropping the carts while moving to the next residence, which does not allow for the lids to shut when they land. He expressed concern that rain can collect in the cart, causing odors to intensify. Town Clerk Cindy Komro agreed to contact Advanced Disposal about this concern. Fred Kimble moved to accept the Garbage & Recycling Committee Report. Jane Falk seconded. Motion carried.
10. Equipment, Roads, Snowplowing Report:
Chairman Joe Gonnering reported on the Department of Public Works activities in 2016. During the winter snow season, there were 21 snow events requiring 35 callouts for snow and ice control during winter 2016-2017 (compared to 22 callouts in 2015-2016 and 32 callouts in

2014-2015). Salt use has decreased because of the method of placing the salt on the road. Gonnering reported on the tree cutting taking place in the Town (most of which are dead ash trees). Gonnering reported on the roads that were repaired in 2016. Gonnering encouraged the residents to visit the Town equipment in the shop after the meeting. Chairman Gonnering thanked the Department of Public Works for its hard work in 2016. Dennis Kay moved to approve the Equipment, Roads and Snowplowing Report. Ray Werhand seconded. Motion carried.

11. County Board Report:

Town Board Chairman Joe Gonnering introduced himself as a County Board member. Gonnering reported on the activity at the County, including budget changes, juvenile detention, and heroin use in the County. Dennis Kay asked whether Prevailing Wage rules have been revoked for road work. Gonnering explained that Prevailing Wage rules are still in effect for work done with Federal funds. Jane Falk moved to accept the County Board report. George Spaeth seconded. Motion carried.

12. Any Matter that May Come Before the Annual Meeting:

- George Spaeth asked about the Vivian Stockhausen Park. Chairman Gonnering explained that the Town received a donation of land to be used as a park. The Town accepted the parcel of land with the intention to use as a park. If the Town ever decides to sell it, the donor has right of first refusal to purchase it back. The zoning must be changed in order to proceed with creating the park. A public hearing will be scheduled for that purpose.
- Jane Falk asked about the change in speed limit on Trenton Road. Joe Gonnering explained that the small portion of Trenton Road with the 25 mph speed limit is maintained by the City of West Bend.

13. Adjournment:

Dennis Kay moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 9:41 PM. Fred Kimble seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy A. Komro
Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI on April 19, 2017. Cindy A. Komro, Town Clerk.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Town Residents at the April 17, 2018 Town Annual Meeting.