

Town of Calumet
Annual Meeting Town of Calumet
April 16, 2024

Chairman Breth opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, by stating that it is the annual meeting of the Town of Calumet. He mentioned that an agenda was established and posted.

Present: Chairmen Breth, Supervisors Burlingham and Mattes, Treasurer Feldner, Matt Guelig, Eric Radandt, Jeff Secord, Dan Casper, Carol Lefeber, Leroy Lefeber, Leslie Mier, Ken Haensgon, Ann Schmitz, Charmaine Jenkins, Ronald Whitby, Matt & Ann Freund, Shaun Buechel, Brady Freund, Jason Freund, Linda Baxter, Sue Muellenbach, Jodie Goebel, Jason Mueller, David Nett, Earl Witte, Robert Schumacher, Michael Endries.

Breth indicated Mattes would be the parliamentarian.

Clerk Rieder read the minutes of the April 18, 2023 annual board meeting. Jodie Goebel requested that the names of those that attended the 2023 Annual Meeting be included in those minutes. Linda Baxter questioned the years and what roads the funding of \$199,812 was allocated for. Breth will review the budget. Dan Casper questioned the years of the recycling center invoice and requested the date the bill was paid be changed to January 2022. Motion by Dan Casper, second by Mike Endries to approve of the minutes with the corrections noted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Goebel, second by Baxter to set the date for the 2025 Annual Meeting to April 15, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Breth reviewed the annual report, and asked those present if there were any questions.

Mike Endries mentioned that there should be itemized details for time and money spent for work done at Calumet Cemetery to be able to review from year to year how much is being spent. Goebel noted that a manual journal entry needs to be done to move the amounts or have Brian Schussman report that he was doing work in that area.

Baxter noted that there was no public hearing to have \$199,812 paid until 2026 and that it was only approved until 2024 for Schumacher Road only. Baxter asked if the fire dues from Taycheedah and Brothertown are shown in the report. Breth indicated that they were. Baxter stated that the people only approved a budget of \$500,000 for the Fire Dept expenses. Treasurer Feldner indicated that anything over \$500,000 was provided by the Fire Dept Auxillary and this information will be broken out into two categories in the next annual report. Goebel suggested the report match the State report.

Goebel mentioned that the revenue statement doesn't match revenues on page 12. Breth indicated that there was a carry over account of \$216,000 as well as purchase of the snowplow of \$290,000. Goebel noted that those numbers aren't showing and need to be in the books and not just in a cash account. It shows expenses, but the revenue is not being shown. Goebel stressed that the budget needs to balance which it currently does not.

Endries questioned if Recycling Center Miscellaneous Expense and Building Maintenance Expense could be rolled into one account. Goebel indicated that the accounting should match how the WI State CT report is reporting it. Breth noted that in order to break it out, it needs to be a material expense.

Baxter questioned what the Income is referring to for the 2023 Fire Dept Financial section. Feldner indicated that is the 2% in fire dues. Jason Freund added that it included donations, insurance money to send bills out, and any other miscellaneous income other than the contracts. Freund indicated the 2% dues totaled around \$24,000 in 2023.

Baxter questioned the increase in clerk software. Breth indicated that there was an approved budget adjustment from culverts to clerks' software in August 2023 town meeting for Microsoft Office and the ringdown phone service.

Baxter questioned why the Board of Appeals was over budget. Casper indicated that it included the Plan Commission. Baxter indicated that the Plan Commission should only be meeting when a resident is paying or when the Town Board approves it. Baxter suggested the Board look into what is being charged for fees and expenses. Breth agreed. Baxter asked how much was in the snowplow fund. Feldner said that it was \$253,376 in 2022 including the loan.

Bob Schumacher questioned if the Plan Commission met for more than one meeting. Mattes indicated that there were one or two meetings that they had to meet again. Schumacher said this could be eating up some of the costs.

Goebel questioned the appointment of two new board members to the Plan Commission. Breth stated that the now former members' terms were expiring. Goebel said there are now no members with experience which is needed. Goebel went on to discuss that the closed session at the previous meeting was not on the agenda and the Board took action when it shouldn't have. Breth indicated that the Town council was consulted and was advised a hearing was not required under Wis. Stat. s 19.85(1)(c). Discussion was had about how the process went to appoint the new Plan Commission members. Endries indicated that experienced people should remain on the Board. Baxter indicated that the Chairperson should be having a discussion with the other Board members when it comes to new appointees. Baxter questioned the reasoning behind terminating a town employee due to safety issues or videotaping fires. Breth indicated the behavior is harassment.

Endries asked if the tree cutting expenses is a shared revenue with New Holstein and if the work was done. Breth indicated that Brian Schussman would be able to answer at the next meeting. Endries requested the tree cutting expenses include stump removal and that stones in ditches be picked up.

Baxter asked if there is a limit to how much the Runoff Committee can collect and what money will be used for. Breth noted The Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance has a proposal for grant for possible ponds near Winnebago Park which may need matching revenue. There will be a presentation by Rick Fox. Ron Witby questioned culverts for this project. Breth mentioned it was too early to know. Earl Witte noted that if the Town needs to invest \$50,000 to get \$400,000 additional money is why it is being sought.

Casper requested the Board allocate additional monies for Plan Commission, to be directed by the Town Board, to be able to meet more often to update ordinances and to discuss other issues. Goebel makes a motion to request an outside firm on whatever it costs to review current ordinances. Seconded by Baxter. In discussion, Mattes noted the Plan Commission has been consulting with Town of Calumet Building Inspector Doug Hoerth and other local communities' ordinances for reference. Show of hands, Aye - 7, Nah - 16. Motion denied. Sue Muellenbach noted that Martenson & Eisle had worked with the Plan Commission in the past to save some time and money.

Casper went back to the topic about allocating more monies for the Plan Commission. After discussion of cost of the meetings, Casper motioned Town Board to appropriate an additional \$1000 for Plan Commission to meet without having a paying customer to address outdated ordinances and applications. Seconded by Bob Schumacher. Open for discussion. Earl Witte stated the committee is the start of establishing what the people want in this town and input from the town is needed. Witte believes the Plan Commission should be able to meet when needed to get the job done. Carol Lefebber questioned if extra work is needed due to the State of WI changing their ordinances. Casper noted that there are other issues that have been brought up, but not fully addressed, and now those issues are coming to the forefront. Breth restated the motion for the Town Board to allocate a minimum of \$1000 to Plan Commission to meet extra times, review ordinances, and make recommendations accordingly during the year. Show of hands. Aye- 23, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

Goebel questioned the supervisors when they receive information for the agendas for Town Board meetings. Mattes and Burlingham noted it could be a couple days before meeting. Goebel indicated that there is not enough time for the members to become educated on the materials before they vote. Goebel noted that not all meeting minutes are posted yet.

Goebel wanted to know when and where the meetings for the Town of Calumet Fire Department are posted and published. Jason Freund noted that minutes are kept at the Fire Dept. and the agenda is posted outside the Fire Dept. Goebel stated it needed to be at three locations or the Town website and a location, so the public is aware of the meeting topics.

There being no further business to discuss, Leroy Lefebber makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Schumacher. Show of hands. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rieder, Clerk