

**Town of Ixonia
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Perry Goetsch called the 2017 Annual meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with Chairman Perry Goetsch, Supervisor Brian Derge and Supervisor Jeff Taylor.

Absent: Supervisor Carl Jaeger and Supervisor Peter Mark

Also Present: Fire Chief Dave Schilling, Utility Plant Manager Jeff Wegner, Highway Superintendent Dennis Lillge, Transfer Site Chairman Vic Karaliunas, Park & Recreation Chairman Wes Kehl and Clerk/Treasurer Nancy J. Zastrow

2. Proof of Posting and Notice

The agenda was posted at the Ixonia Bank, Post Office and Town Hall and also published in the Watertown Daily Times.

3. Approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Copies of the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes were available at the front table. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Annual Financial Report

Copies of the 2016 Annual Financial Report were available at the front table. Clerk/Treasurer Zastrow gave a brief overview of the report. No formal action was taken.

5. Committee and Department Head Reports for 2016

a) Building Inspector

Building Inspector Archie Stigney was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report for 2016 of the building projects in Ixonia. There were 37 permits taken out for new home construction. Total revenues were \$97,095.00 for 2016, the town retains 20% of the total.

b) Transfer Site

Vic Karaliunas, Recycling Committee Chairperson gave the 2016 annual report. He noted the revenues and expenditures for the year. He also reported they constructed a new cold storage building and is used for E-Waste, carpet and bicycle storage. The committee consists of Vic Karaliunas, Lee Schmeckpeper, Dave Krueger, Dan Zautner, Bill Ingersoll (Town of Concord) and Carl Jaeger (Town Board Liaison).

c) Park & Recreation Committee

Wes Kehl, Park & Recreation Chairman gave the annual Park & Rec report for 2016. He thanked the other departments for their cooperation to help maintain, book and repair the parks. He noted there are a number of new youth groups utilizing the baseball parks. The committee consists of Wes Kehl, Judy Kehl, Lucy Saeger, Dick Paul and Peter Mark (Town Board Liaison).

d) Highway Department

Dennis Lillge, Highway Superintendent gave the annual Highway Department report for 2016. He noted that 4.77 miles of road were crack filled and seal coated and 1.46 miles of road were pulverized and new asphalt. New curb, gutter and sidewalk work was done in conjunction with

the sanitary department on Park Street. In 2016 475 tons of salt was used for snow and ice, 343 tons of sand and 1 ton of calcium.

He noted Rickey Riley retired in April 2016. Rickey came back to help out the sanitary district in September and was struck with an illness in October 2016, he is still recovering and Lillge asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. Benjamin Degner was hired to replace Riley and is a good fit for the department. Jeff Wegner transferred to the Utility plant and left another opening. John Wandersee was hired to replace Wegner and began in November. Ralph Wandersee is part-time helping with snow removal and other jobs throughout the year.

e) Fire & EMS Department

Chief Dave Schilling gave the 2016 Annual Report for the Fire & EMS. He noted there are 36 dedicated members of which 22 are firefighters and 11 are EMT's, 4 are EMR's and 9 members of the Ixonia Volunteer Support Service. He stated the fire department responded to 95 calls in 2016 which is down 6 calls from 2015. The EMS responded to 174 calls which is an increase of 5 from 2015. He noted the department provides service for residents of the Town of Ixonia and portions of the Town of Concord and Town of Watertown.

The department signed documents to purchase a new Pierce Enforcer Engine. He also noted the EMS purchased a new Stryker Power Load cot system which lowers and lifts the cot into the ambulance.

f) Planning Commission

June Herman gave a report of the activities of the Town Plan Commission. She noted they meet once a month to review Conditional Use applications, rezoning, variances and land divisions. The Plan Commission then makes a recommendation to the Town Board for formal approval. Plan Commission members are, Town Chairman Perry Goetsch, Mary Rupnow, Don Loppnow, Curt Pernat and June Herman.

g) Town Assessor

Town Assessor Grota Appraisals provided the board with a written report. It noted the town is in compliance with 70.05 of the Wisconsin Statutes for compliance. He noted the last revaluation was performed in 2007.

h) Utility District #1 & #2

Utility Plant Manager Jeff Wegner gave the report for 2016. He noted there were 23 new hookups in Utility District #1 for a total of 927 users and Utility District #2 has 484 users with no new hookups in 2016. He noted the town purchases a control system called SCADA to use for remote troubleshooting using computers and smart phones. They are still working on this but full installation will be completed in 2017.

Wegner recognized Rickey Riley for helping during the interim after Brian Genz left in September. He also thanked Joan Grosenick for providing support to the utility district while he obtained his certification.

i) Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Nancy J. Zastrow reported a number of changes/updates at the town hall in 2016. The town now has a drop box for residents to drop payments or documents off, expanded the office hours, accept credit/debit card payments and a few other items.

6. Jefferson County Supervisor Report

County Board Supervisor District #9 - Amy Rinard gave her report of 2016 activities for Jefferson County. She noted that at a recent Economic Development Consortium data shows Ixonia is the fastest growing area and Ixonia is in the top 5 in total permits issued. She noted the reorganization of the UW Extension Department. This is a result of state cuts. She also reported on funding of roads and the wait to see what happens with the state funding in the new state budget. She reported on the upcoming Hwy P project and noted it is anticipated to cost \$3 million to reconstruct the three miles of road.

7. Discussion on Town Road repairs

Chairman Goetsch reported on the condition of many of the roads in the township. He noted that when the referenda failed it was stated the citizen would rather have specific projects. He explained the Town Engineer, Highway Superintendent Lillge and the Town Board put together a map of roads based on the state road report.

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding borrowing for road projects

Chairman Goetsch explained the Town Board invited Greg Johnson – Ehler's to assist the town in options available for funding a possible \$1.3 million dollar road project. The options are using the State Trust Fund, Local Bank or General Obligation Notes. The payback over a five-year period would be approximately \$278,000 - \$283,000.

He noted that currently the town is repairing 1.0 – 1.5 miles of road annually but there currently is about ten (10) miles of road in urgent need of repair. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Derge noted the board struggled for a long time over this and the professional advice they received noted it is cheaper to do the projects now and the town needs to start somewhere.

Chairman Goetsch noted he put this on the agenda so the residents have an opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

A. Rinard asked how the roads were ranked. This is based on the WISLR report.

A suggestion from the audience was to create an Impact Fee for town roads. It was noted that many roads are not constructed for semi traffic. Supervisor Derge noted the larger trucks pay a larger fee for registration and the state is supposed to send the monies back into the communities to help support the roads.

Considerable discussion continues. The general consensus of the audience was in favor of borrowing to repair roads as long as there is an end date for the borrowing.

9. Additional Comments or Discussion Items

Denise O'Halloran – N9246 Green Valley Road. Ms. O'Halloran addressed the board regarding TAG Lane Farms. She is presented the board with a possible ordinance for manure haulers. The ordinance would require manure haulers to register at the Town Hall. The ordinance would prohibit certain hours for hauling. She feels this would make them accountable. She noted haulers should be responsible for water, air, soil, property value and quality of life. She noted they want to start at the town level.

Jodi Tweeden – W802 Gopher Hill Road. Ms. Tweeden addressed the board specifically about TAG Lane farm. The driveway was moved to be directly across from their home. She feels the town should be responsible for repair of this driveway including gravel and dust. She has witnessed an accident caused by the semi traffic and the semi's pull into the opposite lane to turn in and out of the driveway. She noted if the trucks cannot make the turn something needs to change.

Diane Pasono – N9071 Ridge Lane. Ms. Pasono also addressed the TAG Lane farm, she noted the dust and debris spread over one to two miles with mounds of dirt and gravel on the roads. She stated waste is flowing into the river and depending on the winds they are impacted. She asked the town officials to do what they can and not allow them to expand, she pleaded please help us do something.

Jodi Tweeden noted the expansion of the farm is scheduled to begin in the next two to three weeks.

Mary Frankowicz – W719 Gopher Hill Road. Ms. Frankowicz noted she is downwind from TAG Lane Farms and it drains into her ponds. Her water level has decreased because of the farm. She stated when she moved to Ixonia the farm had 92 cows and then they expanded to 200 – 400, but now they want to increase to 4,000. This will destroy the roads. She feels TAG Lane Farms should pay towards the roads. She is not against farmers just the large 2,000 – 4,000 farms – they are not a farm.

Janet McConaughey – N8144 LaSalle Circle. Ms. McConaughey feels the board is hired to look out for the residents.

Donna Hann – W2011 CTH CW. Ms. Hann made a motion to start a town committee to look at the TAG Lane Farms. She asked for a second, Chairman Goetsch noted he was the one to ask for a second not the person making the motion. A second was given to start a town committee to look at the TAG Lane Farms. Supervisor Derge addressed the citizens stating eleven years ago this board was not in favor of expansion. He stated the board is flustered listening to the citizens and agree there is a problem, but it takes a long time. He reminded them the State overrode the town wishes for the expansion. The board did not feel it was good for the roads or the community. The residents asked the town to look into what the board can do. Motion carried.

Ruth Strieter – N8985 CTH SC. Ms. Strieter thanked the board for their efforts throughout the year.

It was noted the board will have on the next agenda the previous motion for formal action.

Vic Karaluinas – W262 Hillendale Dr. Mr. Karaluinas stated he is in favor of the committee. The town can look at ordinances or putting impact fees on trucks. He is concerned with clean water and clean air.

10. Set Date of 2018 Annual Meeting – Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

The 2018 Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 at the Ixonia Town Hall, W1195 Marietta Avenue at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting

Vic Karaluinas moved, seconded by Dan Hicks to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Town of Ixonia at approximately 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Zastrow
Clerk/Treasurer