

TOWN OF GREENFIELD

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Town Electors Annual Meeting; Tuesday, April 15, 2025

BOARD PRESENT: Chair Kevin Timm, Supervisors Chad Morris and Daren Schieldt


STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy, Treasurer Danny Kjos

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Jeff Murphy, Bob Kotex, Dennis Gerke, Barbara Hundt, Pat Manthy, Nancy Kroner, David Hansen, and Chuck Schams

Call to Order: Chairman Kevin Timm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Minutes read by clerk Murphy. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Bob Kotek to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 annual meeting. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: 2024 financial report was presented by treasurer Kjos. Motion by Dennis Gerke/Bob Kotek to approve. **Motion** carried.

Shelby Fire Department Report: Chief Holinka unable to attend. Schieldt presented power point created by Holinka.  [Annual meeting Shelby Fire Department 2024.pptx](#) Schieldt stated dept. lost a few members due to retirement; have about 33 members, but only 4 stationed up in Greenfield. 3200 halves done with the Chicken-Q this yr.

Recycle Center Report: Report given by treasurer Kjos. Collections for recycling materials have continued to increase; ? more people recycling or receipts are helping to track the cash. Prices have been raised this yr. to offset the rising costs the town pays for recycled items. Encourage residents to recycle appliances thru companies where purchased. Timm stated most towns are levying for refuse service. Clerk Murphy stated town pays the county for any residents to take recycling to the count landfill. From discussions with refuse people, Clerk Murphy stated compacting the trash instead of cardboard would be more cost-effective and having a 2nd compactor for the cardboard may be an idea. Timm stated would like to have a mtg. with refuse hauler to discuss further ways to be more cost-effective.

St. Joe's Lions Park Report: Morris gave update on remaining work to be done on the Lions park shelter. Finish 2 doors inside along with floor edging. Appliances in. Redoing concrete around the outside of the building. Parking lot will be next then finishing up with the landscaping. All work has been paid for with cash thanks to donations and fundraising. Merry-go-round has been removed. Hans Hinke is trying to work with UW La Crosse in getting all abilities playground equipment. 26 parking spaces and 2 handicapped next to the building. Vote to be taken with the lion's club deciding on picnic tables vs. tables and chairs. Poker run going on thru July 27 with 33 establishments participating. Chicken-Q at Timmers on the 27th. Spring Fling and poker run will be the 2 main fundraisers going forward along with the annual fireworks. Morris stated 12 and under kid's baseball team will be using the ballfield. Please come out and support them! Club rental form is on the Greenfield website and works similar to the town hall renting. Timm went over pricing for rental: \$150 for members/snowmobile club, \$200 for greenfield residents, \$250 for non-residents. Will redo lease between town and lions club at the next town meeting. Morris stated the lion's club hoping to have an open house of the new building.

St. Joe's Sanitary District Report: Bobbi Hundt spoke on behalf of the district. 2024 had multiple water leaks; have been many, new doors on well house, water tower maintenance completed along with a new circulating pump; hoping to last 20 yrs. Maintenance on water iron on April 15, filter, not done in 20 yrs., \$65,000 project; would like to get done before

Mathy paves. Treatment plant operator/consultant continue to use non-chemical methods to maintain acceptable levels of waste treatment, save \$, and better protect the environment. District continues to struggle financially compounded by the closing of the Villa thus having to raise water rates. Chuck Schams, president spoke next. Has been talking with Kevin Timm about the finances. Villa was 23% of the sanitary budget with a continued decrease until closure 1 ½ yrs. ago. Now there is a \$50,000 loss. Had to put in a new sewer system 2007, new restrictions put on treatment plant added more expenses. Have 2 \$100,000 payments left on this loan. Yearly budget is ~\$400,000 with going in further debt approx. \$50-60 thousand a yr. Financing is high at 6% and sanitary dist. is still not poor enough to qualify for hardship cases even with the closing of the villa. Schams and Timm spoke with State Assembly member Tara Johnson to try and find ways for financing. Timm will talk with sisters about donating or trying to help out with financing. Sanitary has to keep going, no way to put in that many septic systems in the village. Right now the district is 1.3 million in debt.

Equipment Report: Morris spoke on existing equipment; fine tuning and updating maintenance complete. Looking to buy a skid steer in the future. Wanting to spend \$65,000 +. Goal is to not borrow \$. Goal is to stay on a trade cycle with vehicles. Sold old plow truck for \$18,000.

Road Report: Looking to stay on the \$150,000 budget with paving and chip sealing of rds. Rds. will be Moline, Evans Dwyer, Johnson and Kriebich \$63,700, Bendel; overlay \$60,000, entrance to park \$17,000. Parking lot at park shelter; this will be billed to the town with reimbursement by lions.

Operating Loan Motion by Dennis Gerke/David Hansen to approve taking out a short-term operating loan for roads if needed, for approx. \$100,000, to be paid back in the 2026 budget year. **Motion** carried.

Town Board: Election with all town board members winning. Raises given during at last budget and electors mtg.

Citizen Concerns: Nancy Kroner stated Blood Drive with a lunch will be on Monday, May from 1-6 pm at the town hall. Blood stays local. Strong seniors continue to use hall for exercise; large group of seniors participate. Murphy stated John Kammel, town custodian, has repainted inside of hall; sheen of paint for easier cleaning. Looking to find artwork for the walls. New towels holder put in ba

Budget and Tax Levy Approval Meetings: Motion made by Dennis Gerke/Kevin Timm to approve/set mtg. for Monday, November 17, 2025 with the budget mtg. at 6:30 p.m. followed by the tax levy approval mtg. **Motion** carried.

Town Electors Annual Meeting: Motion made by Dennis Gerke/Kevin Timm to approve the scheduled mtg. for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. **Motion** carried.

Motion made by Dennis Gerke/ Nancy Kroner to adjourn. **Motion** carried. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Murphy, Town Clerk

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