

TOWN OF GREENFIELD

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Town Electors Annual Meeting; Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Jill Murphy, Treasurer Danny Kjos

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Bill Clements, Bobbi Hundt, Ernie Komperud, Tom Ludwigson, Steve Wichman

Call to Order: Chairman Kevin Timm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were posted.

Minutes: Motion by Bobbi Hundt/Jill Murphy to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 annual meeting. **Motion** carried.

Treasurer's Report: 2023 financial report was presented by Jill Murphy. Motion by Ernie Komperud/Daren Schieldt to approve. **Motion** carried.

Shelby Fire Department Report: Bill Clements presented report on behalf of Chief Holinka. The fire dept. had 423 calls in 2023; 90 EMS, 10 fire. 78% were in Shelby, 17% in Greenfield, 5% mutual aid. Average response call time 4.2 min, average time in route to scene 5.5 min. 10 min. on average at scene. Dept. acquired vital monitors that measure pulse/ blood pressure, engine 2 stationed at Greenfield. In process of selling 2 old fire engines. Reports are showing ever increasing EMS calls.

Recycle Center Report: Danny Kjos presented report. What was new last yr. was the implementation of requiring receipts for the \$ exchanged from residents to center. Figures show a substantial increase of \$ received. Chair remarked for residents to report any problems seen directly to the board and not on social media. May 1st of this yr. implement of new refuse and recycling service. Tom Ludwigson stated work done was new hood for compactor, new fence built, and rock put between dumpsters and fence to prevent damage to fence.

St. Joe's Lions Park Report: Bill Clements presented report. Well into funding. Goal of last week of Aug. for shelter to be demolished and middle of May 2025 for new shelter to be up and running for renting. Lions raising \$ for contractor work for framing/enclosing building; rest of building will be mostly done by volunteer work. Kevin Timm state fundraising poker run going on and will be having a chicken-q at Timmers soon. 1 section of fence to be completed by club.

St. Joe's Sanitary District Report: Bobbi Hundt presented report. St. Joseph Sanitary District has 149 residential accounts, 17 commercial accounts including apartments, and 2 public authority accounts for a total of 168 accounts. The motor and pump for the water well had to be replaced due to power outage and/or power surge from storms. Water needed to be hauled in for a short time. Insurance covered the bulk of the cost. Lift station on Park St. was replaced due to age. Cost approximately \$200,000 including landscaping as the Town reworked the Cul-du-sac on Park St. Some ARPA funds were used for part of the road to the lift station. With the Villa closing, the Sanitary District has a huge monthly loss in income. Several water main breaks were repaired in 2023. The operators continue to monitor the water loss and watch for any visible water from leaks in the neighborhood as well as using technology to find leaks. The utility makes repairs on broken curb stops as well as locating and bringing to the surface the number of curb stops in lawns that are buried. The last water rate increase was in January of 2022. A notice is being sent to accounts about a 4% increase that will go into effect in July.

Equipment Report: Kevin Timm/ Chad Morris reported the new truck being outfitted, will be finished by middle of Oct. – Nov. The further out from snow this yr., older truck will be put up for sale. Potential purchase for next yr.'s budget will be high lift skid steer; ? cost \$50,000-60,000.

Road Report: Focus largely remaining on finishing Clements rd. Have to put in a culvert on Kloss addition, end of Park St. to be finished.

Operating Loan: Haven't had to take out a loan in the last several yrs., but in case a Motion by Jill Murphy/Tom Ludwigson to approve taking out a short-term operating loan for roads if needed, for approx. \$100,000, to be paid back in the 2025 budget year. **Motion** carried.

Town Board: Given raise last yr. for this year. Kevin Timm stated would like vote on this subject to be in the town board election yr.

Citizen Concerns: Jill Murphy stated the Blood Drive will be on Monday, May 6 from 1-6 pm at the town hall Jill Murphy proposed a change to the meeting time for town board mtgs. from 7 to 6:30 pm. Motion made by Tom Ludwigson/Ernie Komperud to approve. **Motion** carried. Change will take place at the May mtg. Exception will be the July mtg. which will stay at the 7pm start time due to the board of review taking place from 5-7 that day.

Budget and Tax Levy Approval Meetings: Motion made by Kevin Timm/Bobbi Hundt to approve to set mtg. on Monday, November 18, 2024 with the budget mtg. at 7 p.m. followed by the tax levy approval mtg. **Motion** carried.

Town Electors Annual Meeting: Motion made by Kevin Timm/Bobbi Hundt to approve the scheduled mtg. for Tuesday, April 15, 2025. **Motion** carried.

Motion by Tom Ludwigson/Bill Clements to adjourn. **Motion** carried. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Murphy, Town Clerk

* Wis. Stat. § 60.80, requires that the clerk post or publish within 30 days, all resolutions, motions, or actions adopted at a town meeting