

**TOWN OF AMBERG ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2015**

Chairman Mattison called the annual meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the entire board and 18 citizens present.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting which was approved on a motion made by George Kloppenburg and second by Shawn Sagan. Motion passed unanimously. The clerk then presented the report of audit booklet which also included the museum and fire department report. No questions were received from the floor.

Under old business Chairman Mattison reported that:

- Trip funds for the portion of Barker Road were received. Road work completed in 2014 included a section of Bell Crossing as well as a block of Old 141 Road behind Driftwood Enterprises. Bob Mathis reported that there is a 2-3” drop that needs to be addressed on that section of road. He then asked if the pulverizing worked better than previous methods. The chairman replied that it seems to have. Planned Road Work for 2015 includes completion of Squaw Creek Rd by replacing culverts, removing stumps and grading before the new blacktop and shoulders are laid down. Supervisor Holmes stated that after the spring tour of roads further road work will be prioritized.
- The kitchen door canopy will be hopefully be completed this summer if time and materials allow.
- The Fire Department addition is almost completed
- New furnaces were installed in both the fire hall and town garage and are working well. New garage doors were also installed in the garage side.
- This winter the grease tanks froze up but not the pipes from the well.

Under new business:

- A lean-to addition is being added to the west side of the old school house for storage of the Brush mower.
- Shawn Sagan asked “Why is the town taking money out of local business pockets by plowing driveways?” George Kloppenburg stated most towns around are getting out of it. Chairman Mattison replied that each year fewer and fewer residents pay for this service and the majority of them are cabin people or the elderly. George Kloppenburg suggested that the town send out notices with the snowplowing contracts that this will be the last year they are going to plow driveways.
- Eleanore Forney made a motion to increase the treasurer’s salary from \$3500.00 to \$5000 a year with a second by Marge Holmes. It was unanimously approved by the citizens present.
- Supervisor Holmes stated that the Community Center will be paid for this year and suggested that a satellite fire station should be built in the White Rapids area of the township similar to that in the town of Athelstane. All that is required is a building with some kind of pumper or fire truck in it. Don May and Bud Bright circulated petitions to determine the interest of the residents in the area. They also stated that they would be willing to take training to help man the station. Fred Smeester suggested that county land on Merrick road might still be available. Eleanor Forney stated same arguments were proposed 35 years ago when she was clerk. Bob Mathis commented that this is probably one of the only ways to get something out of insurance co. Jim Parr made a motion to approve the satellite station in White Rapids with a second made by Bud Bright. On a hand vote there were twelve for zero against and five

abstaining. Supervisor Holmes suggested that the town board should approve it at the May meeting before obtaining information from Middle Inlet, Athelstane or other communities with satellite stations and figuring out the plans.

- Bob Mathis asked if the town is doing anything to celebrate its 125 year anniversary.
- George Kloppenburg, Community Association president announced that the small Christmas street light decorations will be replaced this summer with larger, new ones this summer that will be easier to put up.

Carol Smeester made a motion with a second made by Eleanor Forney to set the 2016 annual meeting for Tuesday, April 19 at the Community Center.

Shawn Sagan made a motion with a second by Fred Smeester to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.