

## **TOWN OF AMBERG ANNUAL MEETING**

**July 14, 2020 7:00 pm  
Community Center Gym**

Chairman Matt Mattison called the annual meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen and seven community members present. Treasurer Suzawith was absent.

The flag pledge was recited and Clerk Boshen read the minutes of the 2019 minutes into the record. The minutes were accepted as read on a motion by Carol Smeester with a second by Fred Smeester. Pass unanimously. The 2019 report of audit booklet was presented which includes the Town's financials and report of audit as well as the Amberg Fire and Rescue's financials and audit and the Historical Societies activities for the year. No questions were asked from the board or floor.

### **BUSINESS:**

Chairman Mattison reported that the grader cost the town a little over \$7000.00 to repair the transmission. This year the town is replacing culverts and blacktopping on Marquis Road. Equipment concerns are similar to others years.

Fred Smeester suggested that money should be budgeted and set aside each year in a legal fund. Ron Holmes also suggested a contingency fund of up to 20% of the town's operating costs should be established. Sooner or later we will have to raise taxes to provide the services needed. It was note that often the clerk or board needs to purchase items needed by the Town out of their own pocket and have to wait for reimbursement. It was suggested the Town look into a prepaid credit card to alleviate the reimbursement wait time and if it is for a major purchase borrow from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in Wisconsin at a very competitive rate.

Mark Wisinski asked why the Town doesn't shop locally instead of going out of town for equipment repairs and gasoline.

The town trucks radios are obsolete and no longer function. Fred Smeester made a motion to purchase the radios with a second by Marge Holmes. Motion passed with one opposed. Discussion turned to purchasing a blade sharpener for the mower and if a battery powered one was better than an inverter. It was also suggested that the Town should look at crack sealing to preserve the surface of the black top roads.

After a brief discussion Mark Wisinski made a motion to raise the clerk's salary by \$1,000.00/year to begin after the 2021 election in April. Jim Parr made the second and it passed.

Steve Marquis has volunteered to paint the cemetery fence if the Town will supply the paint. After a brief discussion it was decided to seal the wood portions and paint the pipes white. Supervisor Holmes made the motion to purchase the paint and sealant for the fence. Second by Marge Holmes. Passed unanimously.

There were no other items brought before the board.

Carol Smeester made a motion to hold the 2021 annual meeting on April 20, 2021 at 7 pm in the Community Center. Fred Smeester provided the second. George Kloppenburg made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm with the second provide by Marge Holmes.