

## **2016 Annual Town Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2016**

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman James Beistle at 7:05 p.m. on April 20, 2016, at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Six electors, including Town officers were present at the time the meeting was called to order along with town clerk Janet Krueger, legal counsel Garry Bakke and Family Pathways representative Paul Mitchell.

Chairman Beistle inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. Paul Mitchell requested an opportunity to share information from Family Pathways; Steve Palmer asked for an update on the joint meetings with the City of St. Croix Falls, if any; and an update on the progress of the Sanitary District.

Persons present signed the poll list, which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting and the 2016 Budget Hearing and 2015 Special Town Meeting in November were reviewed.

Presentation of the 2015 Financial Report was made by Chairman James Beistle. Steve Palmer inquired on legal expense and asked approximately how many hours the Town was using legal.

The annual contribution to the St. Croix Falls Town/Village Cemetery was discussed. Gary Koecher/Sharon Kelly moved to contribute \$2,400 to the Cemetery for 2017; motion carried.

Steve Palmer/Frank Behning moved to authorize the Town Board to borrow up to \$10,000 for general operating expenses in the event of a cash flow problem; motion carried.

The 2016 tax levy (collectible in 2017) and setting board and officer salaries were deferred to the November 2016 special town meeting.

Chairman James Beistle stated a list of road projects will be put out to bid and opened on May 10, 2016, 12:00 p.m. Steve Palmer inquired on the progress with the Town of Osceola regarding 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Polk County Highway Department reviewed the road and the information received from the Wisconsin DOT and Polk County Highway Department was shared with Doug Schmidt, Town Chairman for the Town of Osceola.

Sharon Kelly/Gary Koecher moved to set the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for Wednesday, April 19, 2017; motion carried.

Paul Mitchell with Family Pathways informed the Board of the progress the Food Shelf has had over the past year and shared statistics on the amount of food the food shelf has given out and the number of people they have been assisting.

Discussion was had on the status of joint meetings with the City of St. Croix Falls and whether the Town was being proactive on obtaining water to maintain the Town's commercial district.

Frank Behning/Gary Koecher moved to adjourn the 2016 Annual Town Meeting; motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk