

## **2017 Annual Town Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017**

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by outgoing Chairman James Beistle at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2017, at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Eight 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, St. Croix Valley EMS representative Ben Wasmund and Family Pathways representative Rick Smith.

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

Updates from representatives from Family Pathways and St. Croix Valley EMS were added to the agenda. Frank Behning/Sharon Kelly moved to adopt the agenda; motion carried with a show of hands 8-0.

Ben Wasmund, St. Croix Valley EMS representative presented the ambulance service 2016 annual report and stated they have increased their number of ambulances to four serving Polk County with two of the ambulances being staffed 24 hours.

Rick Smith, Family Pathways representative greeted the audience and shared services being offered by Family Pathways. Mr. Smith stated that the thrift store covers approximately 80% of the cost to run the food shelf.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting and the 2017 Budget Hearing and 2016 Special Town Meeting in November were reviewed.

Presentation of the 2016 Financial Report was made by town clerk Janet Krueger.

The annual contribution to the St. Croix Falls Town/Village Cemetery was discussed. Sharon Kelly/Mike Dorsey moved to contribute \$1,000 to the Cemetery for 2018; motion carried with a show of hands 8-0.

Frank Behning/Maxine Spiess 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 on a show of hands 8-0.

The 2017 tax levy (collectible in 2018) and setting board and officer salaries were deferred to the November 2017 special town meeting.

Chairman Frank Behning stated that bids for 2017 road maintenance were being presented to the Town Board tonight and discussion will need to be had regarding 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Katie Appel/Frank Behning moved to set the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for Wednesday, April 18, 2018; motion carried on a show of hands 8-0.

Outgoing Chairman James Beistle thanked the board and shared some stories from his time serving in the numerous positions in the Town over the past twenty-six years.

Sharon Kelly/Gary Koecher moved to adjourn the 2017 Annual Town Meeting; motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk