

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MINUTES
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
7:00P.M.
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The Annual Town meeting of the Town of Little Suamico was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chair, Elmer Ragen. There were 22 people in attendance. This included Larry Ullmer with County Rescue Services, Sheriff Mike Jansen, his wife, Sharon and Legal Counsel, Larry Jeske and Jim Timm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Little Suamico Fire Department.

The April 22, 2015 minutes were read by Town Clerk/Treasurer, Nikki Tolzman. A motion was made by Tom Bonk, seconded by Ken Kleczka to approve the April 22, 2015 Annual meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Dave Szela to set the 2017 Annual meeting date as Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00p.m. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The 2015 Financial Audit Book was presented. No discussion followed. A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by John Zak to approve the Financial Audit report as presented. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The 2015 police report was given by Oconto County Sheriff Mike Jansen. He reported 1,028 total Town of Little Suamico calls compared to 1,127 in 2014. Types of calls that make up some of the 1,028 come from 95 911, 29 alarm, 47 animal problems, 4 burglary, 7 coroner, 7 domestic disturbances, 38 motorists assists and 162 vehicles accidents. There were no fatal accidents to report. Sheriff Jansen informed the people that Brown and Oconto County have been working together and conducted 30 drug searches within one day for the large Meth and Opiate problem. Sheriff also shared Oconto County is up from previous years to 16 vehicle fatalities. Alcohol, driver error, excessive speed and inattentive driving are all causes of the fatalities. Foreclosures throughout the County were also mentioned. There has been a decrease since 2013 of 154 to 62 in the year 2015 for realty foreclosures. The jail project is on schedule. They were able to work through the winter nicely. The prisoners will hopefully move after the 1st of the year. Dispatch will move to a temporary site while their current space is revamped for another purpose over the next couple of months. Discussion took place.

Larry Ullmer with County Rescue Services reported 118 total service requests in 2015 compared to 102 in 2014. Of the 118 total requests, 1 resulted in a helicopter response, 31 were no transport, 15% of the 31 were repeated individuals, 31 resulted in an assist, 61 required advanced life support and 21 were basic support. Average response time is 5-9 minutes per call depending on their geographic region. Customer Satisfaction surveys are used by County Rescue. Little Suamico has a very high return rate of 13%. There has been an overwhelming positive response. Larry shared one with the public. He also thanked the Oconto County Sheriff's Department and the Little Suamico Fire Department for their great assistance. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Jansen, Larry Ullmer and their staff were thanked for their wonderful services.

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Zak reported they have 27 active members. Members are required to go through training. This is done monthly by training officers, LSFDF equipment and programs within a 2 year period. LSFDF is open to new fire fighters, especially the daytime duty. Contact any department member if interested. 2015 consisted of 39 total calls. There were 4 Oconto County Sheriff assists, 4 County Rescue assists, 3 car fires, 5 MABAS structure fires, 2 structure fires, 9 Wildland fires and 2 MABAS Wildland fires, 6 carbon monoxide calls, 3 down power lines, and 1 cancelled enroute call. Before you light up, please know burning regulations require you to have a burning permit from January 1st-June 1st. Permits are available at the Little Suamico Town Hall and on the DNR website. The fire department roof is in need of some attention. Equipment is functioning fine. The Town purchased a 60K generator to setup by the LSFDF building to be used in a disaster or in the time of need. Smoke Eaters continues to help raise funds to ease the burden on the taxpayers. Recently, they purchased with funds raised a \$15K thermal imaging camera and a 3000 gallon portable tank in the amount of \$3K. Another thank you to the Smoke Eaters and the ticket buyers for this. This club is open to the community. Contact any LSFDF member or Tom or Sharon Bonk for more information. The LSFDF now owns the "original" fire truck. It can be viewed at the fire station. John expressed a big thank you to the 911 center, County Rescue for giving them the opportunity to help them and the Little Suamico Town Board of Supervisors. Public discussion followed.

Sanitary Report – No Little Suamico Sanitary District report was shared. No discussion followed.

Planning – Chair, Elmer Ragen mentioned there are quite a few houses and new subdivisions going up. There are CSM's in the upcoming months. There has been an increase in storage units recently. Much discussion followed.

Roads/Recycling – Chair Ragen reported the Town Board will be checking the roads to see which need minor repair. These will receive grinding and resurfacing. An update will follow at the monthly town board meeting. The oil prices have dropped the blacktop price to \$46.25/ton. Oconto County blacktops approximately 12 miles of road each year. This is down from 17-18 miles. Recycling is going to become a problem. Selling prices are no longer there anymore. The County is looking at the single stream process. This may possibly come in 2017. The Cross Road reconstruction is underway. This will be covered under the Trip D program. Gross Rd Bridge is also underway. The DNR says it has to come out. It is leaving rust in the river from deterioration. The federal government is replacing it while the town only has to pay for 10% of the total cost. Discussion followed.

New Business – Discussion took place by the people.

Adjournment –A motion by Michael Trudell, seconded by Dave Szela to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Tolzman, Clerk/Treasurer