

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MINUTES
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015
7:00 P.M.
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The Annual Town meeting of the Town of Little Suamico was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair, Elmer Ragen. There were 30 people in attendance. They included Larry Ullmer with County Rescue Services, Sheriff Mike Jansen, his wife, Sharon and Howard Eslien, Town Attorney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elmer Ragen.

A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Dave Szela to approve the April 16, 2014 Annual meeting minutes as corrected were read by Clerk/Treasurer Nikki Tolzman. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

A motion by Dave Szela, seconded by Ken Kleczka to set the 2016 Annual meeting date as Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The 2014 Annual Audit Book was presented. Discussion followed. A motion by Tom Kapla, seconded by Ken Kleczka to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Larry Ullmer with County Rescue Services reported 102 requests for assistance in 2014 compared to 103 in 2013. There was 1 helicopter response with Eagle III. Of these 102 total requests for service, 27 resulted in no transports, 55 resulted in transport to the hospital with necessary advanced life support or paramedic level care and 20 basic EMT calls. Average response time is 5-9 minutes per call. There are 7 first responders in the town. Larry shared with the people the satisfaction surveys from the Little Suamico residents containing page and pages of complimentary responses. Discussion followed.

The police report was given by Oconto County Sheriff Mike Jansen. He reported there were a total of 1,127 calls in 2014 compared to 1,120 in 2013. A common occurrence throughout the County was either a 911 hang-up or a 911 open line in which 99% of these are answered. Many of these calls are "false" calls and come from cell phone pocket dials. Some of the larger number incidences include 47 Animal, 38 Assisting motorists, 102 Traffic Accidents with no fatalities, 4 Burglary, 7 Domestic disturbances, 3 Tavern complaints, and 19 Theft calls. Sheriff Jansen shared with the people the progression of the new jail facility and the department's current staffing. Discussion followed.

The people thanked Sheriff Jansen, Larry Ullmer and their staff for their services and professionalism.

Fire Department – Jon Zak, Fire Chief reported they currently have 31 members with 47 calls in 2014. Members are required to attend trainings 2 times per month, 9 months out of the year. There were 10 MABAS calls. Local calls include, 4 Carbon Monoxide, 5 Cancelled in route, 13 Vehicle and assists, 10 Wildland firefighter, 1 Lawn mower burn up and 4 Structure fires. All equipment is in good order. The new truck is working out just as expected. Burning Regulations require you to have a burning permit from January 1-June 1st. Permits are needed when the ground is not snow covered. John expressed his thanks to the entire Community, the Town Board, the Booster Club, and DNR FEMA grants for the safety gear they wear today. The Booster Club is always looking for additional members. Discussion followed.

Sanitary Report – There was no formal report from the Little Suamico Sanitary District. Discussion followed.

Planning – Elmer Ragen reported there are 2 Conditional Use requests and 1 Rezone request for May. Allan Murphy mentioned this area has been pretty slow. Discussion followed.

Roads/Recycling – Elmer Ragen reported the Town Board will be viewing and grading roads the first part of May for the PACER program. We had a better winter and there should be more road monies on hand for pulverizing and patching of surfaces. Salt prices took a huge increase and blacktop is cheaper at this time. The current County recycling program may have its state funding reduced or eliminated. This could cause the recycling program costs to be pushed down on the townships. The County currently has approximately a two year surplus to continue running. Discussion followed.

New Business – Much discussion took place by the people.

Adjournment –A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Eileen Bardouche to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Tolzman, Clerk/Treasurer