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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MINUTES
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017
7:00P.M.
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The Town of Little Suamico Annual meeting of the Electors was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chair, Elmer Ragen. 28 persons attending the meeting, 19 were residents. Attendance included Larry Ullmer with County Rescue Services, Sheriff Mike Jansen, Chief Deputy Ed Janke and Legal Counsel, Howard Eslien.

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

A motion was made by Brett Jensen, seconded by Mark Fischer to vote by show of hands. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

A motion to approve the April 20, 2016 annual meeting minutes as printed was made by Dave Szela, seconded by Ken Kleczka. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Brett Jensen to set the 2018 Annual meeting date as Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00p.m. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

The 2016 Financial Audit book was reviewed by page. Questions were raised regarding Cedar Corporation and LSF D expenses. A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Brett Jensen to approve the 2016 Financial Audit report as presented. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

Larry Ullmer, Director with County Rescue Services shared the 2016 Little Suamico statistics. He reported 122 total requests for services for 2016 compared to 118 in 2015 resulting in very little change. Of the 122 transport requests, 68 resulted in an advanced life support or paramedic level care, 19 transports with basic life support care, 34 resulted in no transport, and these are 28% of the town's call volume. There was no rate increase for 2016 expenses. The response time has a range of 5-9 minutes per call depending on their geographic region; the average is 7 minutes for Little Suamico. Customer Satisfaction surveys is being used by County Rescue via mail. Little Suamico has a very high return rate of 18%. Larry shared multiple complimentary surveys with the public. There are currently 6 First Responders in the area. Discussion took place.

Oconto County Sheriff Mike Jansen gave the 2016 numbers for Little Suamico. He reported 1,067 total incident calls compared to 1,028 in 2015. This 1,067 was made up of many 911 calls. Hang ups or open lines still require responses and are the majority of these 911 calls. 2016 consisted of 58 911, 53 animal problems, 3 burglaries, 47 domestic/disorderly conduct disturbances, 157 misc. traffic incidences, 48 traffic citations, 127 traffic reports written. County wide total calls increased to 13, 552 for 2016. The new law enforcement center is progressing nicely. It is taking longer than initially expected. It will be fully functional by approximately mid-July. Demolition and remodeling of the old jail should be final by October. The new law enforcement center will have 148 beds. Oconto Cty Sheriff home foreclosures went down from 2015's number of 62 to 56 for 2016. Discussion took place.

Oconto County Chief Deputy Ed Janke presented, by Town Board request, to the people how to accomplish more patrol time in the Little Suamico area. Deputy Janke has experience contracting with other municipalities. Contracting allows for an economy of scale. The Sheriff's organization provides all the back support for that officer. A directive

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enforcement officer would target issues just in the Town of Little Suamico. The majority show of hands indicated they wish for this topic to come back to the people with more detailed information and pricing figures. Discussion followed.

Fire Department – Fire Chief, John Zak reported. The LSFDF has 29 active members. Newly elected members are required to go through training per the LSFDF Code of Conduct, State mandates and NFPA rules. This is done by training officers and programs within a 2 year period. There is an 80 hour training minimum; however the volunteers are actively involved and put in hundreds of hours. LSFDF lacks fire fighters during the day time hours. We collaborate with other communities to help solve the daytime shifts currently. Chief Zak requests a study be done to see what other departments are doing as a “Thank You” for their volunteers. Is this appreciation gift feasible for our members? 2016 consisted of 48 total calls compared to 39 in 2015. MABAS makes it possible to help our neighbors. LSFDF attended 7 MABAS structure fire calls, 6 Little Suamico structure fire calls, 4 car fires, 1 large equipment fires, 8 Wildland fires, 5 carbon monoxide calls, 9 County Rescue and Sheriff Dept. assists and 2 storm damage calls. Equipment is running good right now, but we do have units that are approaching 30 years old. The generator will be installed shortly. This generator will assist during disasters and power failures. Currently, the Lutheran church in Little Suamico does have a generator for situations such as this. John thanked the County Rescue and Oconto County Sheriff dept. for their services and ease to work with. Burn permits are required January 1st-June 1st. Rules are changing. Now holidays and Sundays may be acceptable. Always check with the DNR each day after 11:00am for daily burning restrictions. Permits are available at the Little Suamico Town Hall, Matravers in Oconto, DNR offices and the DNR website. Thanks to the Smoke Eaters Booster Club for all their support and the town residents. There has been only 1 grass fire this spring. A big Thank You to the local business and the Town Board. Public discussion followed. Both Larry Ullmer and Sheriff Jansen thanked the LSFDF for their support, services, team support and appreciate their relationship.

Roads– Chair Ragen reported the Town Board will be inspecting the roads in May and complete the full PACER program this year. Roads are rated from 1-10, 10 being the best. We used to blacktop when roads hit 4 or 5 at the most, many today are rated at 2 or 3. Revenue sharing and road tax money is less, so we are cutting back and falling behind. We used to do 3-4 miles per year; due to funding we can only do 2 miles now. Little Suamico has over 100 miles of roadway. We need the governor to do something about the funding to put more back into the towns. Discussion took place.

Sanitary Report –President, Dave Szela of the Little Suamico Sanitary District presented. Dave took comments from the people. Dave addressed the rate increase. LSSD is one of the first ones to deal with the phosphorus removal per State of Wisconsin DNR. LSSD is trying to work the farmers in the area to lessen the phosphorus. LSSD is working with the County. The Little Suamico river watershed is also being monitored. More discussion took place.

Planning – Chair Ragen mentioned the Plan Commission meets monthly. Subdivisions are going in, but many permits are still needed before they are complete. There is a pool tile ink printing company is going in on Executive Circle.

New Business – Discussion took place by the people regarding the following:

- Yard waste disposal
- 20 year comprehensive plan
- 3 minute public comment
- Additional parking lot west side of Town hall
- Roads-Brown, Cross/S Chase
- Snowplowing

Adjournment –A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Brett Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:47p.m. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Tolzman, Clerk/Treasurer