

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS MINUTES
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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018
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. 92 people were in attendance of the meeting, which 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 Ken Kleczka, seconded by Dale Liebergen to vote by hand raising. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

A motion to approve the April 19, 2017 annual meeting minutes as printed was made by Dale Liebergen, seconded by Ken Kleczka. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

A motion by Ken Kleczka, seconded by Dale Liebergen to set the 2019 Annual meeting date as Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00p.m. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

The 2017 Financial Audit book was reviewed by all. A motion by Dale Liebergen, seconded by Guy Gooding to accept the 2017 Annual Audit report as printed. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

County Rescue Services-Larry Ullmer, Director of County Rescue Services reported the 2017 Little Suamico data for 2017. County Rescue is the ambulance contractor for the Town. This data showed 102 total requests for 2017, which is down slightly from 2016's 122 requests. Of the 102 requests for service, 18% resulted in no transport, 66 resulted in advanced life support or paramedic level care, 18 transports with basic life support, and 2 required the use of the Eagle III transport. The fees for the Town remain static since 2015 and have been frozen with no increase for 2018. County Rescue contracts with 23 different municipalities and do inter facility transports all over the Midwest to help offset the tax base. Everyone County Rescue transports receives a Customer Satisfaction survey. Little Suamico has a very good return rate of 20%. Larry shared a few of them with the public. Thank you to LSF and Oconto County Sheriff Dept. Discussion followed.

Fire Department – Fire Chief John Zak explained the LSF Code of Conduct and its membership requirements; including elections, 2 year training program and the ongoing training. The department is actively involved in learning/training on the Active Shooter. The LSF currently have 23 active members and is down 6 from last year. Volunteerism is decreasing. LSF suffers member daytime shortages; however MABAS, also made up of volunteers, is helping to fight those shortages. The department is in good order, equipment is in good order and well maintained. Chief Zak reported 42 total calls in 2017, down 6 from 2016. Of those 42 calls, 5 were MABAS structure fire calls, 5 DNR Wildland fires, 7 carbon monoxide calls, 17 County Rescue and Sheriff Dept. assists, 1 gas leak, 1 false alarm and 5 down power line calls. Firefighter compensation is a very small award for what they are asked to do. The department now has a working generator to assist during disasters. The State of Wisconsin requires a permit for all outdoor burning between January 1st-June 1st. Always check with the DNR daily after 11:00am for current burning restrictions. Permits are available at the Little Suamico Town Hall, DNR offices and the DNR website. Thank you to all firefighters, County Rescue and Oconto Sheriff's dept for all they do and the good working relationship. Thank you to the Smoke Eaters Booster Club, the community and town board. Comments followed.

Oconto County Sheriff's Department-Sheriff Mike Jansen shared the 2017 status figures for the Town. These figures show an increase from the 1,067 total calls in 2016 to 1,338 in 2017. This is an increase of 271. Calls have gone up countywide. Of the 1,338 calls, a lot of them are 911 hang ups or open line calls that take up a lot of the officer's time. The majority of the 911 calls are legitimate. In 2016, the officers ran to 63 of them and in 2017, 73 of them. 2017 brought 41 animal problems, 5 burglaries, 52 domestic/disorderly conduct disturbances/citizen assists, 140 misc. traffic accidents, 41 traffic violations, 20 fraud/scams, 59 highway assists in the town. County wide total citations have gone down, but the people contact has increased. The new law enforcement center opened in June with 148 beds and the prisoners moved in the month of August. We now have the ability to board out from other counties, now putting us in a revenue stream. There has been a staff change/increase with retirements and new positions be added. Discussion took place.

Local Law Enforcement-Chair Ragen and Counsel Eslien explained the imposition of a 3 minute rule to speak on this topic. Oconto County Chief Deputy Ed Janke and Sheriff Jansen presented, by Town Board and citizen request as a follow-up to a previous Town Board monthly meeting, the contracting of a local officer for the Town through Oconto

County. Since that monthly meeting, the Sheriff's department was approached also by the Town of Chase for the same services. This position could be shared by the municipalities. The ability to share these expenses would be beneficial to both municipalities. Town of Chase and Little Suamico's shared expense would be approximately \$100,000 annually consisting of personal costs and Oconto County would buy the capital equipment out of County funds. Janke shared local coverage would be proactive vs. reactive. He also mentioned the large amount of emails he receives daily from local citizens with concerns. This directive enforcement officer would target issues just in the Towns of Little Suamico and Chase. The following names held discussion with Deputy Janke within the 3 minute rule.

- Guy Gooding-Funding
- Ann Lindquist-Local drug issue/home evasions
- Todd Zuge-Cost share with Town of Chase
- Larry Ullmer-Experience with sharing of protective services
- Bob Golik-For the record, he is not against or has never been against adding an Oconto County officer that the Sheriff's dept has deemed necessary. Intergovernmental agreement/cost/legal liability/school coverage/municipal court
- Bill Hugo-State trooper vs County officer duties
- Mark Winzenried-School coverage
- Frank Nowak-Patrol costs/County patrol staffing
 - Ragen call Nowak for out of order. At 8:51pm Nowak removed himself from the meeting room only.
- Matthew Lowen-Officer consideration for past 4-5 years
- Frank Szczepaniec-Lucky past, make a move, be proactive no reactive
- David Pribyl-Town budget-Town Board figure calculation explanation for law enforcement
- Heather Wasurick-Shared patrol
- Mike Mahr-Child protection needs/response time/officer hours
- John Wojciechowski-Squad dedicated to the town/officer hours
- Liz Paape-Proactive approach

Dale Liebergen made a motion to vote on this particular topic, seconded by Matthew Lowen. An advisory vote was taken by majority show of hands to obtain law enforcement and forward on to the Town Board of Supervisors to proceed indicated 49 ayes and 16 nays. This will be placed on the May Town Board agenda.

New Business – One resident had the following concerns:

- Meeting attendance
- R & R Assessing
- Park/Clay Street discontinuance
- Website

Roads– Chair Ragen reported details of the Trip D program, which we did not receive this year. The LRIP will be paying \$19,000 toward the repair of Mourning Dove north end from Allen Road to Bramschreiber Rd. It will cover half of Mourning Dove going to Brown Rd on the other side for next year. Some blacktopping will take place on Lade Beach. Culverts will be replaced at Sandalwood, Sundew and Joan. Lilac and Lilly roads will have some ditching corrections. Subdivisions are bringing our population up. Discussion followed.

Planning – Chair Ragen shared there may be 2 more small businesses coming in on W Frontage Rd in the near future.

Sanitary Report –Darrel Pagel of the Little Suamico Sanitary District reported details of the building of a new purification plant. Discussion took place.

Adjournment –A motion by Dale Liebergen, seconded by Brett Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:26p.m. The motion passed by majority show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted, Nikki Tolzman, Clerk/Treasurer