

MINUTES

TOWN OF YORKVILLE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING TOWN BOARD ROOM UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Call to Order

Town Board Chair Peter Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following electors were present:

1. Tim Allen, 18503 Durand Avenue (Assistant Chief, Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department)
2. Chuck Gehrand, 15625 Durand Avenue
3. Alan Geschke, 1616 63rd Drive
4. Barb Geschke, 1616 63rd Drive (Plan Commissioner)
5. Sherry Gruhn, 17201 Old Yorkville Road (Town Board Supervisor)
6. Peter Hansen, 4728 57th Drive (Town Board Chair)
7. Terry McMahan, 18114 52nd Road (Town Board Supervisor)
8. Jim Moyer, 216 North Colony Avenue
9. Steve Nelson, 2401 59th Drive (Yorkville Stormwater Utility Commission Chair)
10. Robert Root, 2200 67th Drive (Plan Commissioner and Stormwater Commissioner)
11. Nate Skewes, 1702 61st Drive (Plan Commissioner)

Also present were Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Chief Thomas Czerniak, Auditor Patrick Romenesko, Code Enforcement Officer Terrence O'Brien and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

Approval of Minutes

McKinney read the meeting minutes from the April 15, 2014 Annual Town Elector Meeting.

Motion (Barb Geschke, Nelson) to approve the April 15, 2014 Annual Town Elector Meeting minutes as read, Motion Carried (MC).

Annual Reports

2014 Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Report

Chief Czerniak and Assistant Chief Allen of the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department appeared to present their 2014 annual report. Allen stated that there was an increase in all fire calls in 2014, adding that Yorkville calls made up 29% of the total calls received. He stated that EMS calls remained unchanged in 2014, adding that Yorkville calls made up 44% of the total calls received. He noted that the number of Yorkville fire calls increased in 2014, while the number of Yorkville EMS calls decreased. He added that approximately 7% of all staff hours are spent on fire calls, while 23% of all staff hours are spent on EMS calls. He stated that the fire education program continues to be a success and added that the department completed the first year of its paramedic training program. He noted that

paramedics are required to complete 1,000 hours of training to receive their certification and must complete 48 hours of refresher training every two years to maintain their certification.

Czerniak provided his report to the electors, noting that more than half of the department's members are both trained Emergency Medical Technicians and firefighters. He provided a report on the department's internship program, noting that the department currently has 5 interns. He discussed several events that occurred, including a major fire on 59th Drive in 2014 and the recent conviction of an arsonist that struck several times in Union Grove. He also discussed the impact that the I-94 construction project at STH 20 has on responding to fire and medical calls on the interstate, noting that Yorkville and Raymond are being dispatched to those calls simultaneously. He provided a summary of community events in which the Department participates.

2014 Building Inspector's Report

McKinney read the Building Inspector's annual 2014 report. The report stated that 193 permits were issued last year, a decrease from the 231 permits issued in 2013. The report also stated that the value of construction activity permitted in 2014 was \$8.1 million. The report stated that applications for 5 new homes, 2 commercial additions and 5 new commercial buildings, barns or accessory structures were received in 2014. The report also stated that high-value building permits issued in 2014 included a new residence valued at \$442,800 and two new compressed natural gas stations valued at \$1.2 million each. The report stated that 2015 will likely have fewer permits issued than 2014.

2014 Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Code Enforcement Officer O'Brien presented his 2014 annual report. He provided a summary of the enforcement issues he was involved with in 2014. Moyer discussed issues with weed control and grass cutting within county and state highway rights-of-way. Hansen noted that he would contact the Racine County Public Works Department to discuss this issue. He also recommended that the local representative on the Racine County Board be invited to future annual elector meetings.

2014 Collection and Recycling Center Report

McKinney read the annual 2014 Collection and Recycling Center report. The report noted that resident compliance has improved in 2014 and stated that the number of tires brought to the site has decreased since the Town began tracking who bring tires in for disposal. Gehrand requested information as to where residents can dispose of antifreeze.

2014 Stormwater Utility Report

Yorkville Stormwater Utility Commission Chair Steve Nelson presented his 2014 annual report. He noted that the obstruction clearing project on the East Branch of the Root River Canal is nearly complete, with only three properties remaining. He stated that the Town has entered into a new three-year agreement with the Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners for maintenance of the West Branch of the Root River Canal. Gehrand asked about the piles of debris remaining upstream of the railroad crossing over the East Branch of the Root River Canal. Nelson noted that the old pilings under the bridge will continue to catch debris until they are removed.

2015 Road Tour Report

McMahon presented the results of the 2015 annual road tour. He stated that the road ratings for 2015 were as follows: 38% Excellent; 12% Very Good; 15% Good; 19% Fair; 10% Poor; 6% Very Poor. He noted that 69th Drive, 59th Drive from 58th Road to Spring Street (CTH C), and the 58th Road bridge over the East Branch of the Root River Canal will be reconstructed this year. He provided a list of roads that will require seal coating or crack filling in 2015, including roads in the Woodland Waters subdivision. He noted that the Town would need to work with the Village of Union Grove on future resurfacing of 10th Avenue. Gehrand discussed the amount of gravel plowed by the Racine County Highway Department into the ditches along Durand Avenue (STH 11).

2014 Audit Report

Auditor Romenesko presented the results of the 2014 Town audit. He stated that the Town's General Fund showed a fund balance decrease in 2014 of \$278,410 and noted that increases in highway-related expenditures and building permit expenses in 2014 were the greatest contributor to the decrease. McKinney noted that prior-year retirement contributions for two recycling and collection site employees also had an impact on the fund balance.

New and Unfinished Business – Discussion and possible action on all of the following:

Any other business to be brought before the Annual Town Elector Meeting as permitted by Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10

Alan Geschke asked about whether property owners can keep storage pods or trailers on their properties without a zoning permit. McKinney noted that the Town Board plans to address this issue in the future. Chuck Gehrand discussed the need for a new catch basin and drain tile on the properties to his west and north along Durand Avenue (STH 11). Terry McMahon requested that this be placed on a future Town Board agenda for discussion.

No formal action was taken by the electors on this agenda item.

Schedule the 2016 Annual Town Elector Meeting on the statutory date of April 19, 2016, or within ten days following that date

Motion (Moyer, Nelson) to schedule the 2016 Annual Town Elector Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., MC.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (Barb Geschke, Root) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Annual Town Elector Meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer