

MINUTES

TOWN OF YORKVILLE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING TOWN BOARD ROOM UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

Call to Order

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

The following electors were present:

1. Chuck Gehrand, 15625 Durand Avenue
2. Sherry Gruhn, 17201 Old Yorkville Road (Town Board Supervisor)
3. Peter Hansen, 4728 57th Drive (Town Board Chair)
4. Bill Jaeck, 2910 Forest View Circle
5. Gerald Karwowski, 704 South Colony Avenue (Collection and Recycling Center Manager)
6. Terry McMahon, 18114 52nd Road (Town Board Supervisor)
7. Jim Moyer, 216 North Colony Avenue
8. T.J. O'Brien, 14800 Braun Road (Code Enforcement Officer and Weed Commissioner)
9. Steve Nelson, 2401 59th Drive (Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Commission Chair)

Also present were Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Chief Thomas Czerniak, Jim Robotka, Auditor Patrick Romenesko and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

Approval of Minutes

McKinney read the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2015 Annual Town Elector Meeting.

Motion (Moyer, Nelson) to approve the April 21, 2015 Annual Town Elector Meeting minutes as read, Motion Carried (MC).

Annual Reports

2015 Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Report

Czerniak appeared to present the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department's 2015 annual report. He stated that there was a decrease in all fire calls in 2015, adding that Yorkville calls made up 39% of the total calls received. He also stated that there was a decrease in all EMS calls in 2015, adding that Yorkville calls made up 39% of the total calls received. He noted that the number of Yorkville fire and EMS calls both decreased in 2015. He stated that there was a large decrease in structure fires reported in 2015 in Yorkville, adding that most fire calls were related to hazardous materials, alarms and vehicle fires. He noted that the department currently has 33 members, two associate members and two interns. He stated that the department purchased a new 3,500-gallon tanker truck in 2015. He noted that the department is also preparing to sell two vehicles. He concluded by saying that the department does respond to lift assist calls if a request for assistance is received.

2015 Audit Report

Romenesko presented the results of the 2015 General Fund, Sewer Utility Fund and Water Utility Fund annual audits. He stated that the Town's General Fund showed a fund balance increase in 2015 of \$189,256, increasing the overall fund balance to \$568,608. He noted that lower than budgeted highway-related expenditures in 2015 was the greatest contributor to the increase. He added that the Sewer Utility Fund balance decreased by \$22,689 in 2015, while the Water Utility Fund balance increased by \$93,391 in 2015. He provided additional detail on the decrease in highway-related expenditures, including that road construction and snow removal costs were lower than anticipated and that a bridge maintenance project planned for late 2015 was delayed until 2016 due to weather.

2015 Building Inspector's Report

McKinney read the Building Inspector's annual 2015 report. The report stated that 220 permits were issued last year, an increase from the 193 permits issued in 2014. The report also stated that the value of construction activity permitted in 2015 was \$6.1 million. The report stated that applications for 9 new homes, 0 commercial additions and 7 new commercial buildings, barns or accessory structures were received in 2015. The report also stated that high-value building permits issued in 2015 included a new residence valued at \$741,000 and a storage building valued at \$51,200.

2015 Code Enforcement Officer's Report

O'Brien presented his 2015 annual report and provided a summary of the enforcement issues he was involved with in 2015. He noted that he will follow up on complaints about vehicles that are unregistered and not roadworthy.

2015 Collection and Recycling Center Report

McKinney read the annual 2015 Collection and Recycling Center report. Karwowski noted that he turned Village of Union Grove residents away several weeks ago who were trying to dispose of televisions during an electronics disposal event sponsored by Union Grove.

2015 Stormwater Utility Report

Nelson presented his 2015 annual report. He noted that the obstruction clearing project on the East Branch of the Root River Canal has been completed, adding that maintenance will continue on this section of the canal. He stated that the utility pays the Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners to maintain the West Branch of the Root River Canal.

2016 Road Tour Report

McMahon presented the results of the 2016 annual road tour. He stated that the road ratings for 2016 were as follows: 33% Excellent; 25% Very Good; 12% Good; 27% Fair; 3% Poor; 0% Very Poor. He noted that a portion of Grandview Parkway will be repaved this year and added that some work may be completed in 2016 on 10th Avenue and 59th Drive north of Spring Street (CTH C). Several roads were discussed as candidates for road work, including 58th Road, 53rd Drive and Braun Road. Discussion also focused on using surplus funds to accelerate the timeline of road improvement projects.

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

Several issues were discussed, including drainage issues on Durand Avenue (STH 11), the discharge of firearms, open burning and the Town Board's annual salary.

Motion (O'Brien) to increase the annual salary of each Town Board member by \$3,000.00 per year, motion later withdrawn.

Motion (O'Brien, Nelson) to increase the annual salary of each Town Board member by the annual increase in the cost of living, MC.

Hansen noted that any salary increase for elected officials would not take effect until the new term for that office began. He added that automatic annual salary increases for the Town Board could be established by resolution.

Schedule the 2017 Annual Town Elector Meeting on the statutory date of April 18, 2017, or within ten days following that date

Motion (Nelson, Jaeck) to schedule the 2017 Annual Town Elector Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., MC.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (Jaeck, Moyer) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Annual Town Elector Meeting is Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer