

MINUTES

TOWN OF YORKVILLE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTOR MEETING TOWN BOARD ROOM UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

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. Alan Geschke, 1616 63rd Drive
3. Barb Geschke, 1616 63rd Drive (Plan Commissioner)
4. Sherry Gruhn, 17201 Old Yorkville Road (Town Board Supervisor)
5. Peter Hansen, 4728 57th Drive (Town Board Chair)
6. Terry McMahon, 18114 52nd Road (Town Board Supervisor)
7. Steve Nelson, 2401 59th Drive (Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Commission Chair)

Also present were Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Chief Thomas Czerniak, Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department EMS Assistant Chief Dan Russell, Auditor Patrick Romenesko and Clerk-Treasurer Michael McKinney.

Voting Method Determination

Hansen requested that the electors select a method of voting to use on agenda items during the duration of this evening's meeting.

Motion (Nelson, Barb Geschke) to vote on all agenda items by voice vote, Motion Carried (MC).

Approval of Minutes

McKinney read the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2016 Annual Town Elector Meeting.

Motion (Barb Geschke, Alan Geschke) to approve the April 21, 2016 Annual Town Elector Meeting minutes as read, MC.

Annual Reports

2016 Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department Report

Russell appeared to present the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department's 2016 annual EMS report. He stated that there was an increase in all EMS calls in 2016, adding that Yorkville calls made up 260, or 43%, of the 602 total calls received. He noted that the number of Yorkville EMS calls increased in 2016, especially for altered level of consciousness, circulatory and respiratory calls. He added that there were 28 EMS calls in 2016 responding to incidents on I-94. He stated that the department's new ambulance will be delivered in December or January, while new lift

assist and loading equipment will be delivered in about two months. He noted that the department will celebrate its 75th anniversary on May 20.

Czerniak appeared to present the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department's 2016 annual fire report. He stated that there was a decrease in all fire calls in 2016, adding that Yorkville calls made up 50, or 42%, of the 118 total calls received. He noted that the number of Yorkville fire calls also decreased slightly in 2016. He stated that there were two structure fires reported in 2016 in Yorkville, with no major fires reported, adding that most fire calls were related to hazardous materials, alarms and vehicle fires. He noted that Kansasville's and Raymond's fire departments are immediately dispatched to all structural fires in the Town. He stated that the department passed its audit for the state's fire dues program with substantial compliance. He noted that the department conducts fire inspections twice annually, adding that the department plans to convert to a computerized fire inspection system. He stated that the department currently has 34 members. He noted that the upcoming reconstruction of Colony Avenue (USH 45) will impact the department's response times for some fire and EMS calls. He stated that the department has the following response times: for fire, six minutes to departure and ten minutes to arrive on scene, with an average of eight members on-board; for EMS, six minutes to departure and nine minutes to arrive on scene, with at least six members available. He discussed drug-related calls, noting that the department received nine such calls in 2016.

2016 Audit Report

Romenesko presented the results of the 2016 General Fund annual audit. He stated that the Town's General Fund showed a fund balance increase in 2016 of \$148,696, increasing the Town's overall fund balance to \$717,304, which is over 50% of the total 2016 actual expenditures of \$1,373,483. He noted that lower than budgeted highway-related expenditures, legal expenditures and insurance expenditures in 2016 were the greatest contributors to this fund balance increase. He added that higher than budgeted building permit revenues also contributed to this fund balance increase. He noted that the Town does not currently carry any debt, with debt only issued on behalf of the Town for the Yorkville Stormwater Utility District and the Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department.

2016 Building Inspector's Report

McKinney read the Building Inspector's 2016 annual report. The report stated that 239 permits were issued last year, an increase from the 220 permits issued in 2015. The report noted that the value of construction activity permitted in 2016 was \$10.28 million. The report stated that applications for 7 new homes, 2 commercial additions, 3 new commercial buildings and 3 new mobile homes were received in 2016. The report noted that high-value building permits issued in 2016 included a new residence valued at \$580,000 and a grain storage facility valued at \$4.45 million. Hansen noted that the remaining vacant lots in the Woodland Waters subdivision have been sold.

2016 Code Enforcement Officer's Report

McKinney read the Code Enforcement Officer's 2016 annual report, which summarized code enforcement issues from the previous year. Gehrand discussed several issues, including the use of residential accessory buildings for commercial purposes, barking dogs, and what the front yard setback is for accessory uses along Durand Avenue (STH 11).

2016 Collection and Recycling Center Report

McKinney read the Collection and Recycling Center's 2016 annual report, which included the Collection and Recycling Center manager's report on last year's activities.

2016 Stormwater Utility Report

Nelson presented his 2016 annual Stormwater Utility 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.

2017 Road Tour Report

McMahon presented the results of the 2017 annual road tour. He stated that the road ratings for 2017 were as follows: 26% Excellent; 29% Very Good; 18% Good; 22% Fair; 5% Poor; 0% Very Poor. He noted that the west half of Braun Road and 53rd Drive between 50th Road and Two Mile Road will be repaved in 2017. He stated that the Town may also proceed with milling and repaving and regrading ditches on Maurice Drive, adding that the estimated cost for this project is \$61,210.00. He noted that the Town also plans to crack fill roads this year. Discussion also focused on potential increased traffic volume on local roads in 2017 and 2018 due to the Colony Avenue (USH 45) reconstruction project, the process involved in installing bike lanes on Town roads, the proposed sidewalks in the proposed roundabout at Plank Road (CTH A), Spring Street (CTH C) and Washington Avenue (STH 20), and legislative changes regarding the input local municipalities are allowed related to roundabouts.

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

Gehrand questioned whether a home can legally be inhabited if it does not have electricity or a functioning septic system.

Schedule the 2018 Annual Town Elector Meeting on the statutory date of April 17, 2018, or within ten days following that date

Motion (Alan Geschke, Barb Geschke) to schedule the 2018 Annual Town Elector Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., MC.

Other – Comments, questions and suggestions

No comments, questions or suggestions were provided.

Adjournment

Motion (Nelson, Barb Geschke) to adjourn, MC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Annual Town Elector Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael McKinney
Clerk-Treasurer