

April 17, 2013

The annual meeting of the Town of Yorkville was called to order at 7:00 PM, April 17, 2013 by Chairman Peter L. Hansen in the Yorkville Town Board Room, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove as properly noticed. 15 electors were present.

Chairman Hansen asked that the clerk read the minutes of the 2012 annual meeting which then were approved on a motion from James Fox, 17707 58th Road and seconded by Alan Geschke of 1616 63rd Drive. Motion carried.

Chairman Hansen welcomed citizens to the annual meeting and then introduced Patrick Romenesko, CPA and auditor for the Town of Yorkville entities. Pat gave a review on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the Town. He used a one page summary for the basis of his report showing a fund balance of – (\$33,974) and reviewed items in the budget versus the actual balances. A decrease of fund balances was shown with an opening \$519,862 and closing of \$437,919. Some of the decreases were mentioned as a variance in taxes, ag use conversion penalties, state & federal aids, bridge aid and state highway grants not in yet. Romenesko told of the fund balance showing a ratio to total expenditures as being a 29% ratio which is a very strong financial balance. The only debt that the Town has is a portion of the \$148,500 balance due on one fire truck and thus with this fund balance and no debt he feels we are in a very strong financial position. Chairman Hansen reports bridge aids for two bridges in the amount of \$81,805 is due yet on the Braun Road and 63rd Road bridges replaced during 2012. Robert Root of 2200 67th Drive asked how 29% rated versus other towns in the area and was told that this is average or above others in the area.

In the absence of Supervisor McMahon, Chairman Hansen then gave a report of the Town's annual tour of all roads recently and the fact that they felt it necessary to down grade a lot of the roads this year. The total shows 10.46 miles EX, 9.48 miles VG, 8.68 miles Good, 4.69 miles Poor and 6.72 miles Very Poor. The worst roadways seem to be 10th Avenue and 69th Drive with us sharing ownership along with the Village of Union Grove and do not seem to be a high priority for us. Chairman Hansen notes the Town roads on his priority list would be Braun Road, 59th Drive, 67th Drive, 55th Drive and 53rd Drive. During this construction season we are redoing 61st Drive with a TRM grant for approximately \$136,000 to be used for the retaining wall for the creek way along the roadway. We will not do 61st completely as we could possibly do more damage with construction traffic crossing it. We have applied for state aids to repair this portion of 61st. Hansen also told of which roads would be crack filled. We spend an average of \$400,000 per year on roads and must stay in that cost range in order for the DOT to continue road aids in the range they have previously reimbursed us. Robert Root of 2200 67th Drive asked when the 67th Drive portion between 58th Road and Spring Street would be reconstructed to which Hansen told him possibly next year.

James Fox of 17707 58th Road questioned culverts on 61st Drive and if there was any way we could look at private people that offer warranties to grind out the poor spots and regrade ditches to keep water from sitting on the road. Chairman Hansen also reported on the 58th Road Bridge at the East Branch of the Root River has a retaining wall in terrible shape with the wall being metal and four telephone poles holding it in place.

Hansen then asked for a resolution to read: The Town of Yorkville shall spend up to \$269,330 over the \$230,050, which is the annual limit of the product of \$5000 multiplied by the miles of highway (46.01) or \$230,050 which is the annual limit set by Chapter 82, Subsection 82.03. Jim Moyer of 216 N. Colony Avenue moved to approve the above resolution allowing the Town to spend up to \$269,330 over the annual limit of roadway costs as per Chapter 82, subsection 82.03. William Jaeck of 2910 Forest View Circle seconded the motion which then carried.

Chief Czerniak addressed the annual meeting and told of not purchasing any major pieces of equipment except the new command vehicle this past year. Asst. Chief Allen takes command of fire scenes and thus uses this vehicle. The older vehicle was retained to be used by fire fighters doing inspections etc. Our department has changed medical control and previously used a Racine area doctor to do this work but now have contracted with Aurora and Dr. Anderson for medical control. We are working on raising our rescue squad personnel to the paramedic rating. Currently EMTs require 180 hours of training and paramedics require 2000 hours. Czerniak told of losing a thermal image camera which costs \$17,000 and the need for a new one. The old one (1980) was repaired by insurance but we were fortunate to get a grant, contributions from Stericycle, Community State Bank and various people to purchase the new camera. The chief told of practice sessions upcoming in the "Storms Hall" building on 15th Avenue before it is torn down for the new McDonalds. They will practice with their new smoke machine. Call volumes show they responded to 243 fires with 52% of them in Yorkville and the EMS calls being 552 and 49% in Yorkville. Czerniak finished by talking of internships and the people giving ten hours a week for fire and/or rescue work. The program is working well he noted.

Building Inspector DeLuca told of issuing permits during 2012 for \$4.6 million in the Town with only two new homes being permitted this year. The remainder of permits were strictly repairs, remodels and pole barns etc. There has not been much activity for new construction in the Town this past year.

Stephan Nelson reported on behalf of the Yorkville Storm Water Utility to tell them of their working on the east branch of the Root River canal in Yorkville. They have been working in the area of Two Mile Road and 50th Road but had hoped to complete the entire project this winter which, due to the weather, will not be possible. We will be going in to next year for the second half of the drainage project. Nelson reported they had been able to obtain a State Land Trust loan for 2.75% on a ten year loan. James Moyer of 216 North Colony Avenue noted he has been observing the work which has been moving slowly and the fact that a few trees have been left standing. Nelson told of the land owners sometimes refusing permission to remove them. The utility has been working to get as much done with as little hassle as it can according to Nelson.

Constable O'Brien reported we have been dealing with getting compliance with our ordinances in various situations. Sites littered with debris and neighborhood problems seem to be the major concerns he faces each year.

Chairman Hansen read the written report from the collection site supervisor in which he stated his mission and objective is keeping the site clean, safe and friendly to residents. He reported continued cooperation from residents in making this a smooth operation.

Hansen called for old business to come before the meeting to which there was none so he moved on to the subject of new business. Bill Jaeck of 2910 Forest View Circle then questioned the "Hribar" property formerly owned by the Maple Leaf Duck Farm. Hansen told of no final resolution to the reported violations with DNR rules and with the County being involved in their quest to correct violations.

Chairman Hansen commented on the noise problem coming from neighbors of the Echo Lakes Produce property being heard by Julie Anderson and her committee of the Racine County Land Use Committee. It seems there has been an expanded use of this property due to their recent fire in their main plant in Burlington.

Barbara Geschke of 1616 63rd Drive moved that the 2014 Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM here in this board room at 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove. Beulah Skewes of 927 67th Drive seconded the motion which then carried.

With no further business to come before the meeting, James Fox of 17707 58th Road moved to adjourn, second by James Moyer of 216 North Colony Avenue and motion carried. Chairman Hansen then adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Judy Aimone, Clerk-Treasurer