

PROCEEDINGS – Tuesday, April 19, 2022

TOWN OF CHASE ANNUAL MEETING

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Town Board Chairman, Gary Van Lannen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Chase Town Hall, located at 8481 County Road S, Pulaski WI 54162. Notices were posted in the three boxes located at Chase Saloon, North Chase Citgo and the recycling center.

7 Board Members present: Chairman - Gary Van Lannen, Supervisor – Jeff Van Enkevort, Supervisor - Dennis Kroll, Clerk – Dan Kroll (via telephone conference), Deputy Clerk – Cindy Kroll, Treasurer, Mae Micolichек, Deputy Treasurer, Colleen Walgurski (Non-resident)

16 Residents present, 3 Non-residents present

- **Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Pledge was recited.

- **Hear and Approve 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Deputy Clerk Cindy Kroll presented and read the 2021 annual meeting minutes. Minutes included 2021 minute summary, 2021 financial statement, Town updates, Pulaski Tri County Fire Department Update, N.E.W. Para-Medic Rescue Report, and Oconto County Sheriff's Department Report.

Motion by Roger Blaies/Dave Drella to accept the 2021 annual meeting minutes. The motion was called and carried 16-0 with a hand-count vote.

- **Present 2021 Financial Statement**

Treasurer Mae Micolichек presented the 2021 Financial Statement of balances including expenditures and revenues for the year. Copies of the report were available. Micolichек also mentioned the errors found in the Construction Deposits account dating back multiple years have been corrected and the accountant will be filing the errors in the CT report due in May.

Motion by Carol Drella/Roger Blaies to accept the 2021 financial statement. The motion was called and carried 11-0 with a hand-count vote.

- **Town Updates – Chairman Gary VanLannen**

Chairman Van Lannen provided updates on projects the town is working on. The town is hiring an engineer and architect for the infrastructure grant which consists of a box culvert on Yurek Road and the rebuilding of Holewinski Road and Schwartz Road from County C to South Chase. This is an 80/20 split grant. The Local Road Improvement Program grant for \$19,000.00 will be used on Van Dornick Road. Portions of Kroll Lane and Yurek Road also need to be fixed from damage. Chairman Van Lannen also stated how the money for roads is used. The Town is allowed to spend \$5000.00 per mile per year and has approximately 60 miles. The snowplowing, grass and brush cutting and patching are considered expenses for this money. The Town continues to work on the ARPA Grant of which the town will receive \$320,000. The items this grant will cover is water heaters and new flooring at the town hall and Stone Barn/Pavilion, a new furnace and technology at the town hall, lawn tractor with attachments for the park and a lite sign for the Stone Barn. Jeff Van Enkevort stated the park commission had a new playground installed and is working on two craft shows for June 12 and August 28 of which the town will provide a food stand to raise funds for the parks.

- **N.E.W Para-Medic Rescue Report – Jason Cotherman**

Jason Cotherman, supervisor with N.E.W Para-Medic, stated that N.E.W. Rescue was formed in 2005 and works with six municipalities consisting of Angelica, Chase, Leeser, Maple Grove, Pittsfield and the Village of Pulaski. There are 13,840 people in this area with a total of 661 calls for 2021 of which 74 calls were from the Town of Chase. There were 56 mutual aid calls. N.E.W. Rescue is managed by Gold Cross with a member from each municipality on the board of directors. The average response time to Chase is 10 minutes and 34 seconds. The 2022 Budget was approved with a \$16.92 per capita. In 2021, they had a budget surplus of \$35,601.45, which \$8,393.61 was reimbursed back to the Town of Chase.

- **Pulaski Tri County Fire – Mike Kuzicki**

Mike Kuzicki, a member of the Pulaski Tri County Fire Department, reported the fire department currently had 37 members that meet twice per month. There are 12,709 people in the service areas of Chase, Maple Grove, Pulaski, Angelica, Pittsfield and the Village of Pulaski. There were 205 calls in 2021 and 23 were to Chase. There were 50 mutual aid calls. There will be a 2.02% increase in the budget for operating costs. The Dept. received a 50/50 matching DNR grant in the amount of \$1398.49 and the money was used for wildland fire equipment. A purchase the department will be making in 2022 is a replacement ladder truck. The department will be training in the new Packerland Fire District training center. They will be applying for a DNR grant and an AFG grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant). The department participates at local elementary schools, VFW golf outing and supports the Pulaski Polka Days.

- **Oconto County Sherriff Department – Garret Baeten & Darren Laskowski**

Deputy Baeten reported this is the 3rd year of our contract with Oconto County. There were 726 calls to Chase in 2021, which is a 2.6% decrease from 2020. The Town had no high profile cases. A partnership between Chase, Little Suamico and Oconto County Sheriff Department has three components for community policing of which consists of community partnership, organizational transformation and problem solving. Another key element for success in the partnership is the Village of Suamico's Municipal Court System and the small amount of revenue that is brought in to offset the cost of the Town's officer. In September of 2021 Garret Baeten replaced our departing Officer LeBreck. There are several public relation events scheduled for 2022. The events consist of Coffee with the Cop and Night Out with the Cops.

Chief Deputy, Darren Laskowski thanked Garrett for his support to the community.

- **Other Business**

- Van Lannen thanked the speakers.
- Van Lannen stated that the American Red Cross is planning a blood drive at the town hall in the beginning of July 2022
- Van Lannen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated a lunch will be served after the meeting. He also thanked Cindy Kroll, Mae Micolichek and Colleen Walgurski for putting the lunch together.

- **Annual Meeting 2023**

The law provides that the annual town meeting date shall be the third Tuesday of April or within ten days after, which will be set to Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

- **Adjournment**

Motion by Roger Blaies/Dave Drella to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion was called and carried 13-0. A hand count was taken. We enjoyed sloppy joes, cheese curds, chips and dip, finger foods and cakes after the meeting.

Dan Kroll/Clerk & Cindy Kroll Deputy Clerk

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