

ANNUAL MEETING

April 14, 2009

Dennis Smet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The full board was present with ten townspeople in attendance.

The Clerk read the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Kay Johnson moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark LeSage, motion carried by voice vote.

The financial report from the auditor and a financial report from the Clerk were looked over. It was noted the auditor's report was received last week. Keith Kesler stated it was easy to read and understand. A question was answered about the Payment in Lieu of Taxes revenue, and Kay mentioned that the town of Cloverland recently discovered an error on theirs. A question was also asked about funding for the Tri-County Corridor. Kay stated that the counties along the corridor fund that expense. Lynette Kesler moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Don Korhonen, motion carried by voice vote.

Keith Kesler reported on the Fire Dept. They had 41 runs, no injuries to members or citizens, no equipment accidents, and approximately 306 hours donated by members. They also had 33 training sessions with 823 hours donated. Mutual aid was received 5 times and given 5 times. They will have their Be Somebody recruiting campaign on May 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. followed by a picnic open to the community. They received grants from Assistance to Firefighter Grant and the DNR for new UTV, rescue cart, transport trailer and other related off road rescue and firefighting equipment. AFG funds purchased a new defibrillator. A total of \$46,143 was received in grants and donations. They have three new members and currently have 18 members with 7 certified as Medical First responders. He encouraged the townspeople to volunteer for any Fire Dept. job, even those that do not involve emergency response.

Keith also explained that state statutes are making it almost impossible to give service, so eventually there will be no service. It is difficult for rural people to go to Madison to speak to the legislators. The counties in the southern part of the state push through laws for their area. He feels the towns should contact the WI Towns Assoc. to lobby for our municipalities and encourage legislators to stop mandating without funding. Kay asked him to attend the next Towns Assoc. meeting if he could. Town Board appreciates all their time and work, and especially Keith's applying for grants and doing major paperwork for the department.

Laila Magnuson reported the Brule History Research Committee is working when they can on the book. They have accumulated a lot of information that needs sorting out. They now have a volunteer for computer help. The Board thanked them for all the work that has been done.

Mary Smet, Clerk/Treasurer, of the Brule Sanitary District, reported there are no changes to the board. They are ahead of schedule in paying loans and should be finished in 10 years rather than 20 years.

Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, reported the use of the library is up in these economic times. Part of County UU is closed off. The portals are almost done, but there is a problem hooking up to water in Pattison Park. ATVers would like to use county roads between trails, but the Sheriff and Highway Commissioner are not in favor of this because ATVs would have to run on the blacktop, not on the road shoulders. The Government Center has a large space that was left unfinished for a new courtroom and is now being used for storage. Three state agencies are interested in renting this space. They are getting cost estimates for finishing off the room. County F will be worked on this summer. She received information from NW WI Conservation Employment Program for youth between 14 and 24 years of age. They can apply for area jobs. WI Community Block Grant Program awarded money to the county for lower income people to get housing rehabilitation, such as insulation, septic system repair, new roofs, etc. People can apply for no interest loans and do not have to pay until they sell their home. She had no information on a recycling grant, but feels sure they will be available this year, but perhaps not next year.

Dennis reported they replaced a culvert at Casey Creek on Clevedon Road. No blacktopping was done last year because of fuel price increases. These will be looked at this year. The town has some TRIP funding for Carlson Road to cut down the hill. Afterhours Road by County B has drainage problems, and a culvert needs replacement on Clevedon Road north of Oja Road. The ball fields have been used a lot. The Board will look at the cost of electricity there.

The town's Comprehensive Plan is 95% finished. A Comprehensive Plan Commission has been formed to make future recommendations to the board.

The Town Hall Remodel committee has floor plans for a remodeling from the kitchen and hallway back. Their next step is to have a structural engineer look over the hall, kitchen and furnace area to be sure the hall is sound.

Saturday, April 25th the Sportsmen's Club with help from Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will clean up along Hwy H and the Brule River. The Board is asking everyone to help clean up Brule in their area during that week.

The assessor will be in Brule for Open Book on Wednesday, May 6th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A discussion was held on the difficulty in getting legal notices in the Daily Telegram since it is now published two days a week. Laila Magnuson moved to use the Daily Telegram as the town's legal newspaper, seconded by Keith Kesler, motion carried.

Kay Johnson moved to designate the Security State Bank as the town's legal bank, seconded by Laila Magnuson, motion passed.

The next Annual Meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 8 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk