158th Annual Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: 2801 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Chairman Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, Tim Padesky and Tim Ehler, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Administrator Christina Peterson, Public Works Terry Wright, Fire Chief Tony Holinka, Officer Horton, and Sanitary District #2 President Kurt Knutson.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Candahl.
2. Introduction of Town and Sanitary District Officials.
3. **Set Date for 2023 Annual Meeting.** Motion to set meeting for April 18, 2023, by Knutson, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Set Date for 2022 Budget Hearing.** Motion to set meeting for November 15, 2022, by Candahl, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting.** Motion to approve minutes by Heal, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Fire Department Report.** (See attached) Chief Holinka reported on events that took place in 2021.
7. **Police Department Report.** (See attached) Officer Horton reported on calls and events that took place in 2021. Noted training attended and policies being updated.
8. **Public Works Report.** (See attached) Wright gave overview of responsibilities of the road crew and accomplishments in 2021 and what is planned for 2022.
9. **Treasurers Report.** (See attached) Jarr reported on year begin and year end for Town, Sanitary District No. 2, and Shelby Youth Ball.
11. **Chairperson’s Report.** (See attached) Candahl reported on events that took place in 2021. Thanked employees in the office, public works, Town Board and Sanitary District Board, Police and Fire for their efforts to keep the town going. Reviewed plans for 2022 and noted budget/levy constraints facing the town.
12. **Administrator Report (continued).** (See attached) Peterson reviewed Long Range Budget for Capital Projects and Purchases. Budget constraints discussed. Peterson also noted options for raising tax levy if necessary. Peterson also noted Fire Services and
stormwater as a special charge can create more room in the levy. The last option would be to make cuts to project lists and purchases and decide what is the priority. Peterson also noted the potential for the town to receive grants for part of the projects with an asterisk, which has not been accounted for in these numbers, if the funding is received, that would help with these calculations. Peterson and Jarr clarified that new construction under an acre does include condos up in Battlestone Station Rd (for example) but does not include the Mobile Home Parks (also for example). Discussion on options for development, funding, etc. Peterson noted that the Board should schedule a working session and come up with a solid 5-year plan for the town. Ehler asked about the older dump truck. Wright noted it’s in service, but the transmission is going and would be $8,000-$10,000 to replace. Candahl reiterated the need to communicate these concerns and struggles to the representatives.

13. **Citizen’s Concerns.** None.

14. **Adjournment.** Motion by Padesky to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., second by Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Fortune M. Weaver