

Town of Otter Creek - Caucus Meeting – January 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:04 pm. In attendance were:

Chairman Mark Warner

Supervisor 1 Steve Scoll

Supervisor 2 LeAnn Ralph

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests, Bob Bernier, Chuck Boyer, Randy Simpson, Jon Hagen, Kelly Hayes, Cecil Hayes

All board members were in attendance plus seven residents. Advertising had been done in the Colfax Messenger.

Warner explained the two ways available for the process of nominating people for the town offices. Verbal nomination was agreed upon for nominations. He then asked someone to chair the meeting as he was planning on running for a position. Bob Bernier then nominated Warner to chair the meeting. Ralph seconded the motion. Aye – 11, nay – 0.

There would be three offices to be filled for the next two-year term, starting in April, 2019.

Chairman nomination: Randy Simpson then made a motion nominating Mark Warner for the chairman position. Ralph seconded the motion. Scoll made a motion to close all nominations for the chairman position. Ralph seconded. Carried – 11, opposed – 0.

Supervisor 1 Nomination – Scoll made a motion nominating Steve Scoll for the Supervisor 1 position. Simpson seconded the motion. Ralph made a motion to close all nominations for that position. Scoll seconded the motion. Carried – 11, opposed – 0.

Supervisor 2 Nomination – Bob Bernier made a motion nominating LeAnn Ralph for the Supervisor 2 position. Scoll seconded the motion. Scoll made a motion to close all nominations for the position. Randy Simpson seconded the motion. Carried – 11, opposed – 0.

Since there will be no opposition, in any one position, it is not necessary to determine in what order the names will appear on the April 2, 2019 election ballot. All nominated names will appear under their specific positions, in first place order.

Scoll made a motion to adjourn the 2019 caucus meeting at 7:09 p.m. Ralph seconded. Carried – 11, opposed – 0.

Bev Bernier, clerk/treasurer, met later with the necessary forms for the candidates to complete in running for their various positions on the Otter Creek ballot, to be voted on at the April 2, 2019 election.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Otter Creek – Regular Town Board Meeting – January 8, 2019

Mark Warner, chairman, called the regular town board meeting to order at the town hall on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:09 p.m. All four board members were in attendance, plus seven residents as noted above. Advertisement of the meeting was published in the Colfax Messenger.

Meeting minutes were not read by the Clerk as Warner, Ralph and Scoll reviewed the minutes prior to tonight's meeting and agreed that the minutes did not need to be read. Scoll approved the minutes as presented. Ralph seconded. Motion carried to approve minutes as presented.

Old Business

Sex Offender

Update on legal action related to State & County efforts to house sex offenders in the Township. Rep. Summerfield is not available to attend tonight's meeting. We still have no copies of septic inspection reports. The house was abandoned and we have no proof it is habitable. Discussion on bringing this to State legislation and we are setting precedent, as there may most likely be more offenders released in various counties. The company who owns the property should be investigated. Adjacent property has now gone down in value. The county used a strip of property as a "road" when determining if the location met requirements. Residents are satisfied with what the Town Board has been doing thus far. Conversation was had regarding an investigative reporter looking into this. The Village of Colfax has an ordinance in place regarding placement of individuals. This needs to go back to the law that was changed and how it was written.

The second person to be placed in Otter Creek falls under a different law from Marathon County. Mark has a meeting on 1/29/19 at the Bakke law office to prep for the 1/31/19 meeting. We will know if we have standing within a month's time. We need to have the process reviewed and show how it failed.

Audit Update

We have received a draft review of the 2017 audit. Bev will talk with Brock of Clifton Larson to discuss the outcome.

New Business

Fire bill for Ronnie Dehnhoff, Bev sent a letter to Ronnie requesting payment.

Warner made a Motion to approve the bartender license for Natssia Rice, seconded by Scoll, motion carried.

EMC Insurance – we received a notice that premium for auto will be increasing. Mark suggested that we shop around for insurance.

Reviewed the Zoning ordinance that Dunn County adopted.

Road work – continue to brush, completed three additional streets.

Financial Report

Clerk went through the finances.	Equipment Account -	\$2,231.14
	Tax Account -	\$147,045.69
	Checking Account -	\$38,973.36

Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Ralph, seconded by Scoll. Motion carried.

Scoll moved to adjourn the monthly meeting, seconded by Ralph. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

Lunch schedule:

January – All	May - Chuck	September - Bev
February – Mark	June - Steve	Oct - TBD
March – LeAnn	July - Mark	November - Steve
April – Bev	August - LeAnn	December - All

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS IN ORDER OF CALLING:

1. Gary Anderson – 715-658-1483
2. Bob Bernier – 715-577-6310
3. Mark Warner – 715-658-1602, 715-556-6083 (cell)
4. Steve Scoll – 715-658-1259, 715-556-1891 (cell)
5. LeAnn Ralph – 715-308-6336
6. Town Shop – 715-658-1319
7. Bev Bernier – 715-658-0131
8. Chuck Boyer – 715-600-4149