

Annual Town Meeting – April 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:03 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. In attendance were board members:

Chairman Mark Warner
Supervisor LeAnn Ralph
Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Absent: Supervisor Steve Scoll

Attending also was:

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests: Chuck Boyer, Gerald Goetzinger, Randy Simpson

Advertising - Warner stated the Colfax Messenger had advertised the meeting in their paper plus notices had been posted in the three legal designated places in Otter Creek.

Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier. LeAnn Ralph made a motion to accept the minutes as so read, and Mark Warner seconded the motion. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed.

Annual Financial Report was presented by Bernier, along with an explanation of both the revenues and expenditures related to the year of 2018. Simpson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Ralph seconded the motion. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed.

Noxious weeds, per WI Stats Sec 66.04, was announced and explained by Warner that Otter Creek residents need to control and destroy all weeds listed under the Statute.

Gopher tail price was discussed and in 2018 the township discontinued paying for gopher tails with evaluation at 2019 Annual Meeting. Discussion held and decision made to continue with current practice of not paying for gopher tails. Ralph made a motion to continue with not paying \$2.00 per gopher tail for the next year. To review and evaluate at 2020 Annual Meeting. Warner seconded the motion. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed.

Beaver hide price was discussed and the township currently pays \$15. Ralph motioned to continue with same price, Warner seconded. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed.

2020 Annual Town Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of April, 2020, being **April 21, 2020**, at the town hall according to state law requirements. This motion was made by Ralph, seconded by Warner. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed. Regular Town Board meeting will also follow.

Permits/Ordinances: Warner announced those in effect for Otter Creek are building, driveway, zoning, fire and burning, trailer and sand mining regulations, etc.

Roadwork project for 2019: Save up money for 710th to repave in 2020, do some prep work in 2019. Need to complete some patch work, we have some stress marks (allegatoring). We will repair some of the spots in danger of blowing out. We will have gravelling, about 60 loads. We will look at culverts on 1090th. Anderson and Warner will put together a list of blacktop filling needs and areas to patch.

Blacktop (crack filling) bids – Warner made a motion to approve advertising of bids for blacktop patching, seconded by Ralph. Carried = 5 residents, 0 opposed.

Chairman Warner asked if there was any other business to discuss. No response was heard.

Simpson made a motion to adjourn the 2019 Annual Town Meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Warner.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Otter Creek - Regular Town Board Meeting – April 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 7:54 pm. In attendance were:

Chairman Mark Warner

Supervisor II LeAnn Ralph

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Patrolman Gary Anderson

Guests, Bob Bernier, Chuck Boyer, Gerald Goetzinger, Paul Frank

Absent: Supervisor 1 Steve Scoll

Immediately following the annual town meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 7:40 p.m., chairman Mark Warner called the regular town board meeting to order. Attendance at this meeting were the same people who attended the annual town meeting, with the addition of Bob Bernier. Advertisement of this meeting was also the same as listed under the annual town meeting.

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

Old Business –

Process for BOR and Open Book – Bernier published an ad in the Colfax Messenger issue 4/24/2019 – stating:

Notice – the Town of Otter Creek Board of Review meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. on May 14, 2019, and be promptly adjourned to a later date to be determined. The Open Book meeting will also be delayed to a later date to be determined in 2019. (balance of notice is the standard verbiage). This ad will publish in the 4/24/19 and 5/8/19 issues of the Colfax Messenger.

Bernier will contact Bob Irwin in early August to discuss dates for the Open Book and Board of Review. Sometime after August 15, Irwin will have the final numbers from the State. Irwin must mail a notice 30 days prior to the BOR.

New Business –

Paul Frank purchased the old Deepwood property in December, 132 acres. Paul is a resident of Menomonie. Paul wants to turn it into Woodwind Park, Inc., do seasonal, weddings in late summer, early fall. This is a three-year plan. He wants to clean it up, bring it back to what it was, tubing, skiing. He did not buy Deepwoods, Inc. Gloria is not associated with Paul. This is zoned commercial. He will get the lodge going. One option is a wine/beer license, no quota.

Letter will be sent to Otter Creek Inn regarding tavern license renewal. Bernier contacted Gloria Fritz to confirm that she no longer owns Deepwood and would not be requesting a tavern license. Gloria stated she currently holds the license and wants to continue holding the license. Warner has contacted Wisconsin Towns Association to determine the proper procedure. For the May meeting notice in the newspaper – include in the agenda the discussion of Deepwood Liquor License and possible discussion about continuing of business ordinance related to liquor licenses.

Bernier will purchase DVD for 2019 BOR training – cost of \$35.

Bernier shared the information regarding the April 29 meeting at Dunn County Judicial Center. Agenda topic is that Dan Fedderly and Chuck Maves are stepping down as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively, of the Dunn County Unit. Steven Findlay will be providing updates on Town Emergency Operation Plans and funding opportunities which could possibly help towns repair infrastructure damaged by the Spring snow melt and flooding that occurred in March. John Sworski will be providing an update on highway projects and costs.

There will also be discussion on consequences for towns related to ATV/UTV laws, the process for meeting publication requirements for TRIP/LRIP ads, adopting Unit By-Laws, available Unit funds, continuation of the annual banquet/dinner meeting in October, and any other matters of interest.

Treasurer's report: Balance sheets handed out.

Checking account:	\$77,890.26
Tax account:	\$88,224.40
Equipment account:	\$6,130.77

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Warner, seconded by Ralph. Motion carried.

Bills: were all reviewed for payment, and authorized by the Town Board.

Motion to adjourn by Warner, Ralph seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Bev Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

Lunch schedule: **May - Chuck**

June – Steve

July - Mark

August - LeAnn

September - Bev

Oct - TBD

November – Catherine

December - all

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