

**Town of Cary
Wood County, Wisconsin
Annual Meeting
April 20, 2021**

The Town of Cary 2021 Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Patrick at 7:00 PM at the Cary Town Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by the nine residents and one nonresident, including the Chairman.

Minutes of the 2020 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve was made by Dale Zawislan and seconded by Dennis Brunner. Motion carried.

Three new Officers were Elected at the Spring election, April 6, 2021. Clerk Jessica Stubbs appointed term expired, did not run for election. Jean Gansch elected. Treasurer Barbara Schmidt term expired, did not run for re-election. Carey Rucker elected. Chairman James Patrick term expired, did not run for re-election. Mark Gosh elected. Supervisors Dennis Brunner and Dale Zawislan re-elected. The electors of the Town of Cary thank the previous officers for their service and welcome the new board as their term begins. Barbara Schmidt has served as Treasurer since September of 1990 until April 19, 2021. That is close to 30 years and 8 months.

Copies of the 2020 Annual Report were handed out. Chairman reviewed. Questions were asked about the Miscellaneous "error correction." Chairman, treasurer and clerk explained that they searched for hours for the error and concluded that it was due to the excessive number of clerks who worked during the past fiscal year. Incoming treasurer suggested the town look into accounting software for the clerk's position, to possibly alleviate accounting errors in the future. Chairman highlighted the "Town hall expense" of \$4504.99—indicating that this expense included the rebuilding of the handicapped accessible ramp on the town hall. Also discussed was the \$830 included in the Assessment fee. This is a charge to the town for a specific program that the Assessor has to purchase for each individual town. Chairman reviewed and responded to questions about various items posed by residents.

Purchase of the John Deer Grader was discussed. Chairman explained that the previous grader was outdated and parts were no longer available, it was constantly breaking down and the next expense would be for new tires at an estimated cost of \$7,000 +. The John Deer grader came to the attention of the board and a purchase was authorized at a cost of \$133,000, with a trade-in of \$18,000. Down payment was made from contingency fund, and repaid after a loan was secured. Total outlay of \$115,000 to the town. Chairman suggested that about ten years into the future the town would probably have to begin looking a replacement.

Election costs were discussed. Increase in costs is partially due to the increase in absentee ballots issued for each election, postage is \$1.10, time to process these ballots is approximately 15 minutes per ballot, and depending on the type of election the number of absentee ballots has been as many as 70 per election. Election costs also reflected a totally new board, so additional training required and five elections, in addition to increased absentee ballot costs,

Ordinance to allow Board to hire clerk and treasurer positions was brought up for consideration, with the recommendation of preparing a referendum for a future vote by the whole town. Item was tabled until regular monthly board meeting.

Chairman Patrick addressed setting a policy regarding reimbursement for subpoenas for trial regarding town employees and board members involved in a law suit. Chairman had inquired with Rural Insurance and their response was that unless a claim was made there would be no reimbursement. WTA was also contacted; they had no recommendations. Issue was tabled until regular monthly board meeting.

Pay for poll workers, after discussion **motion** was made by Janet Patrick to increase the hourly rate for regular poll workers to \$12.00 per hour (from the \$10.00 per hour currently paid). Motion was seconded by Carey Rucker. Motion carried, by show of hands with 8 for and 1 opposed. **Motion** was made by Janet Patrick to increase the chief election officer's pay to \$13.00 per hour (from the \$10.00 per hour currently paid). Motion was seconded by Carey Rucker, motion carried, with a unanimous show of hands.

Much discussion was held on the rate paid for general labor and machine operator. Decision was tabled for further consideration, to regular monthly board meeting.

Approval for donation to Pittsville Area Historical Society, **Motion** made by Barbara Schmidt to donate \$200.00 to Pittsville Area Historical Society, motion seconded by Janet Patrick, motion carried 8 for, and one abstention.

Approval for donation to the Clark County Humane Society, **Motion** made by Dale Zawislan to donate \$50.00 to the Clark County Humane Society, seconded by Dennis Brunner, motion carried unanimously, by show of hands.

Set time and date for Annual Meeting for 2022 Motion was made by Mark Gosh to set the date for 2022 Annual Meeting for April 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Motion seconded by Dale Zawislan. Motion carried unanimously, by show of hands.

Motion to Adjourn was made by James Patrick and seconded by Carey Rucker, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. Gansch, Town Clerk