

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.
Wascott Town Hall

1. The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chair Boughner at 10:00 a.m
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verification of qualified electors present at meeting – There were 14 qualified electors in attendance.
4. Approval of Order of Business- Chair Boughner invited guests to add items to the agenda, to be discussed under Item 12 (b). The following agenda items were requested by citizens present:
 - a. Jon Meteraud/Chuck McDermott – Addition to Town Hall

A Chuck McDermott/Les Chandler motion to approve Order of Business, including the above agenda items; motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Approve Annual Town Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2017- **A Chuck McDermott/Les Chandler motion to approve minutes of the April 22, 2017 Town Meeting Minutes; motion carried by a voice vote.**
6. Review Conduct and Powers of Town Meeting- Chair Jim Boughner reviewed the Fact Sheet for Town Meetings (included in packets) outlining the powers that may be exercised by the people at a Town Meeting.
7. Town Officer's Reports
 - a. 2017 Annual Financial Report- Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson presented the audited Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2017 highlighting the following – actual revenues - \$1,840,178; actual expenditures - \$1,955,337 creating a net change in Cash Fund Balance of (\$115,159). Cash Fund Balance beginning 01/01/17 was \$699,886; Cash Fund Balance ending 12/31/17 was \$584,727. Long Term Debt as of 12/31/17 is \$565,118. Putting in perspective the Town's debt, the Clerk stated that Towns can borrow up to 5% of their equalized value. The Town of Wascott's equalized value is \$291,467,800 x 5% = \$14,573,390. This is an amount the Town can borrow! The Town purchased a new Fire Department Tender and a Highway Dump Truck. The Clerk emphasized the Town continues to be very fiscally sound.
 - b. Town Board Report – Chair Boughner gave recognition and praise to the many citizens of Wascott, who, throughout the past year, have provided their hard work and volunteerism serving on various committees and clubs. Also, the Town has returned to a 3-member Board. Chair Boughner commented the ultimate goal is to work together to make Wascott the best place it can be for its residents.
8. EMS Services – Stacey Vig thanked the Board for their support throughout the year. Open House will be held on August 25, 2018 from 11-2 p.m. A reminder to be sure address signs are visible and cleared of debris. Report on file.
9. Wascott Volunteer Fire Department – Chief Tom Michalek thanked the Board, Clerk and WCC/FDA for being so supportive. Received a 50/50 DNR grant for wildfire protection. FD Open House is June 16, 2018 from 11-2 p.m. at the Fire Department. Tom related rules for burning are on the DNR website or by calling 888-WIS-BURN. Use caution when burning outside and never leave any fire unattended. Always looking for new members! Report on file.
10. County Board Supervisor Report – Mary Lou Bergman was absent. In the report, some highlights for the past year included working on the Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Mandatory Recycling

Ordinance, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Ordinance, Animal Manure Storage Ordinance, Revised Farmland Preservation Plan, Resolutions authorizing engagement letter with counsel in relation to claims against opioid manufacturers and approval of \$5M in General Obligation Bonds for Highway projects. Mary Lou served on nine (9) committees and attended Town meetings for Wascott, Gordon, Dairyland, South Summit and part of South Solon Springs. Report on file. Supv Jenson commented Mary Lou has been appointed as Vice President of the County Board. Congratulations!

11. Civic Organization Reports

- a. Wascott Community Club/Fire Department Auxiliary – President Patti McDermott – The Club has been very busy with 3 fundraisers - Friday Fun Day, Swedish Meatball Dinner and Can for Kids. The monies generated from these fundraisers are used for scholarships for 2 qualifying Northwood School seniors. Working on creating a brochure promoting historical sites in Wascott, Gordon and Solon Springs. The Club provides financial and labor support for events such as the Children’s Christmas Party, Fire Department Open House and stuffing tax envelopes. The WCC/FDA maintains a well-supplied library and does seasonal decorations in the Town Hall. Report on file.
- b. Four Seasons Recreational Club - President Chuck Youngquist - the purpose of the Club is to maintain Trail 3 for recreational use throughout the year. Some highlights of the year included, but not limited to, the following – purchased a Tucker Sno Cat for winter grooming; replaced roofs on all the structures and replaced bathroom doors; road clean-up along Hwy 53; involved with the Youth Turkey Hunt; organize the annual Food n’ Fun event; provide donations of money and gifts to local organizations. Chuck thanked the EMS for their great service. Report on file.
- c. Wascott Tourism & Development Association – President Jon Meteraud - purpose of the Association is promoting and disseminating information on Wascott’s businesses and activities to the surrounding area. Report on file.

12. Specific Matters for Discussion by Qualified Electors Present

- a. Set meeting date for 2019 Annual Town Meeting – **A Chuck McDermott/Jan Jenson motion to set the Annual Meeting date for Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10 a.m., Wascott Town Hall. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Items Added by Town Meeting
 - (1) Jon Meteraud/Chuck McDermott – Addition to Town Hall – Jon Meteraud is asking the Board to consider an addition to the Town Hall. Chuck McDermott stated there are plans/drawings that were drawn up some time ago and is a starting point.
A Jon Meteraud/Les Chandler motion directing the Town Board, by resolution, to proceed looking into the matter of an addition to the Town Hall. Paper Vote – 12 yes; 2 abstained. Motion carried. This is an advisory action only.

13. **A Les Chandler/Chuck McDermott motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer