

April 15, 2014 Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING TOWN OF THERESA
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The Annual Meeting for the Town of Theresa was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on April 15, 2014 by Town Chairman Paul Christian. A total of 16 residents and one non-resident were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the 2013 annual meeting were read by Clerk Diane Steger. A motion was made by Rick Steger and seconded by Marvin Lindert to approve the minutes. (16 ayes, 0 nays) Motion carried. Aaron Lindert made a motion to waive the reading of the 2013 itemized expenses and Marvin Lindert seconded. Motion carried (16 ayes, 0 nays). The receipt and expense totals portion of the Financial Report was read by the clerk. Treasurer Diane Koch explained the tax levy percentages and remaining indebtedness at TSB Bank. She explained that the Fire Truck loan was paid off and the Town Hall loan was refinanced by borrowing \$290,000, which is the total loan balance as of Dec. 31, 2014. Motion was made by Rick Steger and seconded by Aaron Lindert to accept the financial report as read (16 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carried. Don Bonack made a motion, seconded by Dan Schmidt to accept TSB Bank and the State Investment Pool as Designated Depositories for the Township. (16 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carried.

New Business

Chairman Christian stated that the town has \$98,000 budgeted for road paving this year. The Town Board and Don Bonack have toured the town roads. Don reported that there will be no major paving projects again this year. Zion Church Rd. from Hwy. AY to Madison Rd. will need wedging as it didn't get done last year, Gill Rd. will need wedging, as will West Allen Rd. to Madison Rd. East Meridian Rd. will need sealcoating as will a mile of Raccoon Rd. A few small culverts will need to be replaced and the two bridges on Gill Road will need to be sealed and patched. There were 62 snow/sanding events this last winter, which was the most ever. It took 160 tons of salt and 450 tons of sand. The International snowplow sold for \$10,350. The new truck is working great. The road budget was discussed. Chuck Bernhard motioned that Don Bonack use the PASER program to find out what we need to maintain the roads and that the road budget is increased by \$10,000 a year. Motion was seconded by Marvin Lindert. (16 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carried.

Fire Department Report

Warren Stanke gave the 2013 Fire Department annual report. The Fire Department responded to 61 calls in 2013 (an increase of 8 calls). There were 1536 hours on duty (a 144 hour increase over 2012). Total training, work night, and other activity hours for 2013 were 4653 hours. Of those hours, 25 were spent providing safety crews for the Dodge County Fair. The department had over 98 training opportunities that included fire, rescue and special practices. Fire prevention activities included 3 station tours and the bi-annual Open House. Two schools were visited during Fire Prevention Week. Theresa Fire and EMS were recipients of the Lomira Area Fundraiser this past year in which \$53,256.37 was raised. With those funds, the Fire Dept. installed a Backup Generator System for the station and the EMS received the Lucas Chest Compression System. The department membership stands at 53 consisting of 32 active members and 21 honorary members.

Ambulance Service Report

Diane Steger read the Ambulance Service report submitted by Kevin Baerwald of Theresa EMS. The Theresa Ambulance Service ran 264 calls in 2013 (a decrease of 1 call over 2012). They also did 7 standbys at fire calls for either Theresa Fire or Lomira Fire, and 13 standbys for Lomira High School football games. One person completed their EMT intermediate training this past year. Currently, there are 13 EMT Intermediate Techs, 4 EMT Basics, and 5 Drivers. The current roster total is 22. The ambulance traveled a total of 10,721 miles. Baerwald feels this is one of the best EMS services he's worked with in his 30 year career. If anyone is interested in a tour of the ambulance feel free to contact anyone on the service.

Library Report

The Theresa Public Library 2013 annual report was given by Diane Steger. The library had a circulation of 30,433 items. There were 72 programs offered with 328 adults participating, 45 teens participating, and 990 children. There were 2550 computer users and 85 Wii users. There will be a presentation on May 6th honoring Jim and Shirley Widmer for their contributions to the Library. There will also be a silent auction starting soon. The library offers a book club, and help with computer and job search skills and genealogy. Outreach projects include Food for Fines, and a Hat and Mitten Tree.

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Dodge County Supervisor Report

Gerald Adelmeyer was not present to give a report.

Equipment Evaluation Report

Don.Bonack is going to update the equipment replacement schedule. The disk mower needs to be replaced. He will get estimates for the next meeting, but would like to try out different ones before purchasing. Darryl Koll motioned to purchase a new disk mower for \$16,000 or less. Motion was seconded by Marvin Lindert. (16 ayes, 0 nays) Motion carried.

Other Business

Andy Griffith would like to paint the town hall. He will present an estimate to the Board at the next monthly meeting. Don Bonack has talked with Alliant Energy about getting natural gas. The line goes up to Old Hwy. P. Don will talk with all the property owners in between to see if they're interested in getting natural gas. The more that want it, the less expensive it will be. The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Darryl Koll made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marvin Lindert. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Steger, Clerk