

April 16, 2013 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 16, 2013 by Town Chairman Paul Christian. A total of 17 residents and one non-resident were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from the 2012 annual meeting were read by Clerk Diane Steger. A motion was made by Dick Fink and seconded by William Budahn to approve the minutes. (17 ayes, 0 nays) Motion carried. William Budahn made a motion to waive the reading of the 2012 itemized expenses and Rick Steger seconded. Motion carried (17 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 on the Town Hall and Fire Truck loans. As of Dec. 31, 2012, there is a balance of \$129,642.26 remaining on the Town Hall loan and \$87,625.23 remaining on the fire truck loan. Motion was made by William Budahn and seconded by Todd Bodden to accept the financial report as read (17 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carried. Dick Fink made a motion, seconded by William Budahn to accept TSB Bank and the State Investment Pool as Designated Depositories for the Township. (17 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 this year. Zion Church Rd. from Hwy. AY to Madison Rd. will need wedging. East Meridian Rd. will need sealcoating. Allen Rd. from Hwy. 175 to West Bend Rd. will need seal or slurry coating. Elm Rd. needs wedging and sealcoating, and Sunnyview Rd. along with a small portion of Racoon Rd. will also need sealcoating. A main project for this year will be replacing the culvert at West Bend Rd. and North Pole Rd. The road would also be widened in this area. Don has met with the DNR and a Dodge County Highway Dept. engineer. A 96" or double 72" pipes will be needed. The Town has applied for a County Aid Bridge grant for this project. The two bridges on Gill Rd. also need to be sealed. The road bids will be opened on April 29 at 8:00 a.m. Don also reported that there were 54 snow/sanding events this last winter.

Fire Department Report

Warren Stanke gave the 2012 Fire Department annual report. The Fire Department responded to 53 calls in 2012 (an increase of 16 calls). There were 1680 hours on duty (a 628 hour increase over 2011). Total training, work night, and other activity hours for 2012 were 3044 hours. Of those hours, 28 were spent providing safety crews for the Dodge County Fair and the Lions Truck/Tractor Pull. The department had over 72 training opportunities that included fire, rescue and special practices. Fire prevention activities included 3 station tours and demonstrations along with visiting schools. All pagers and radios were narrow banded and half of the radios were programmed with the WISCOM radio frequencies to enhance radio communications statewide. The department membership stands at 55 consisting of 34 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 265 calls in 2012 (an increase of 8 calls over 2011). They also did 16 standbys at fire calls for either Theresa Fire or Lomira Fire, and 14 standbys for Lomira High School football games. Two people completed their EMT intermediate training this past year. Currently, there are 14 EMT Intermediate Techs, 4 EMT Basics, and 11 Drivers. The current roster total is 29. The ambulance traveled a total of 10,126 miles. If anyone is interested in a tour of the ambulance feel free to contact anyone on the service.

Library Report

The Theresa Public Library 2012 annual report was given by Diane Steger. The library had a circulation of 35,003 items (an increase of 54 items over 2011). There were 43 programs offered with 283 adults participating, 47 teens participating, and 237 children. There were 2547 computer users and 90 Wii users. There will be a presentation on May 9th about the story of the Yellowstone Trail and there will be a silent auction starting on April 29th. 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.

Dodge County Supervisor Report

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Equipment Evaluation Committee Report

William Budahn presented the Committee's report. The Committee has met twice and discussed issues concerning need, cost, safety, expenses, etc. The Committee recommended that the 1994 International be replaced with a new tandem axle truck due to severe corrosion, bad wiring, high expense in maintaining, and safety issues. The Committee obtained cost estimates from International, Mack, and Western Star. It was suggested to get an estimate from Peterbilt as well. Faye Beck had checked into refinancing rates and new loan rates. They also felt that money in the Town Equipment reserve could be used to pay off the fire truck loan. Then, payments for a new truck could be financed over 5 or 10 years with very low rates. After discussion, it was decided to place the item on the May agenda and the Board will make a decision at that time.

Other Business

The next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. Rick Steger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gene Grulke. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Steger, Clerk