

ANNUAL MEETING TOWN OF THERESA

April 16, 2024

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Theresa was called to order at 7:39 p.m. on April 16, 2024 by Town Chairman Lloyd Hilgendorf. A total of 10 residents and 2 non-residents were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

-The minutes from the 2023 annual meeting were read by Clerk Christine Steger. A motion was made by Neal Burns and seconded by Dale Dyer to approve the minutes. (10 ayes, 0 nays) Motion carried.

-A motion was made by Gene Grulke to waive the reading of the itemized receipts and expenses. Scott Bernhard seconded the motion. Motion carried (10 ayes, 0 nays). The 2023 receipt and expense totals were read by the clerk. A motion was made by Scott Bernhard and seconded by Gene Grulke to approve the financial report. Motion carried (10 ayes, 0 nays).

-Diane Koch explained the tax levy percentages and remaining indebtedness at TSB Bank. There is \$64,920.18 due on the loan for the fire tender. The snowplow truck and service truck are paid off now. The remaining loan will be paid off in March 2025. Gene Grulke made a motion and was seconded by Don Bonack to accept TSB Bank and the State Investment Pool as Designated Depositories for the Town. (10 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carried.

Road Paving for 2024: Chairman Hilgendorf stated that the town has \$220,000 budgeted for road paving this year. Don Bonack reported that West Bend Rd from North Pole Rd to Lone Rd and including the intersection of N Pole Rd and West Bend Rd will be pulverized, fine graded, watered, compacted, and lay a compact 3" asphalt surface and at the same time approximately 500' of the south end of Lone Rd that is in bad shape needs the same repairs. Don stated that the town has \$14,500 of TRIP money for the West Bend Rd project that is estimated to cost approximately \$160,000.

-Don also reported that McArthur Rd from village limits to CTH AY and then from CTH AY to S McArthur Rd needs to be chip-sealed and Bancroft Rd is due for either slurry or chip-sealing depending on the cost.

-Don thanked Scott Bernhard of Bernhard Plumbing for assisting the town to abandon the old un-used septic system at no charge.

-Don also thanked Schmidt Farms and all of their employees for their assistance all year and this winter with pulling trucks out of the roadway when there were breakdowns.

-Don also thanked Mitch Verhunce of M&M Truck Repair for help with truck and equipment breakdowns all year.

-Chairman Hilgendorf reported that the town will apply for ARIP grants for replacement of two 6-20' culverts and a road repair project on McArthur Rd. The town will also apply for a road repair project on Allen Rd between CTH P and STH 175. The town will get the McArthur Rd project engineered so we are ready to do the work with either grant money or town money – Dodge County will share 50% of the costs for the project. The town will hire Kunkel Engineering to do the engineering and to write the grants.

Fire Department Report

-Chief Warren Stanke summarized the 2023 Fire Department annual report. The Fire Department responded to 97 calls in 2023 (an increase of 1 call over 2022). There were 724 hours on duty (a 263 hour increase over 2022). There was 3297 total training, work night, and other activity hours for 2023. They logged 173 hours providing a safety crew at Dodge County Fair and at the Theresa Lions Tractor Pull. Fire prevention

activities included three station tours, one Touch a Truck event, one National Night Out event, and Trick or Treating on Halloween. 122 hours were logged educating a total of 681 people on Fire Prevention this year. The annual hose test was conducted in spring and ladder testing in November. Pump testing was done in June with both engines passing. Total hours for 2023 on Fire Calls, Training, and Prevention was 5108 hours (an increase of 682 hours over 2022.) The department membership stands at 50 consisting of 28 active members and 22 honorary members.

Ambulance Service Report

-The 2023 Ambulance Service report was read by Brian Ries. They ran 408 calls, (a decrease of 14 calls over 2022). Part of the reason for the decrease is because Unit 3451 spent about 2 weeks in various shops for repair work including brake repairs, new tires, front end realignment, oil leak repair, and all 6 tires rotated. The service also did 11 intercepts. There are currently 25 members on the roster with 3 drivers, 1 EMR, 8 EMT-Basics, and 13 Advanced EMT's. Of the 13 AEMT's, one is an RN, 1 LPN, and 2 paramedics with 1 of the paramedics being a Critical Care Paramedic and RN. In 2023 they brought in 5 new people to the service. They did 9 standbys for Theresa, Lomira, and Mayville Fire Departments and 9 special event standbys for the tractor pull, a run/walk, Christmas parade, National Night Out, Varsity football and other special events. There are 107,251 miles on the ambulance.

Library Report

-The Theresa Public Library 2023 annual report was given by Diane Steger. The library was open for 1820 hours and had a circulation of 10,946 items including 2240 items borrowed and 5621 items loaned to other libraries. There were 43 children's programs with attendance of 221, 15 teens and adult programs with attendance of 172, 2 summer programs with 61 participating, and 28 programs for all with attendance of 476. The total for 2023 was 90 programs and 930 participants.

Equipment Evaluation Report

-Highway Superintendent Don Bonack reported that the new Western Star snow plow truck chassis is on order from Quality Truck in Fond du Lac for \$133,455 and is expected to be built by this fall. The snow plow truck equipment and installation has been ordered from Burke Truck & Equipment in Madison for \$134,502. He is hoping that the truck with the equipment installed will be ready for this winter. The current Western Star snow plow truck is 10 years old and Mitch Verhunce has helped track down parts for repairs.

-Don reported that the ditch mower should last a couple of years yet but will then need to be replaced.

County Supervisor Report

No report as there were no county supervisors in attendance.

Other Business

-The next annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. With no further business Dale Dyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Neal Burns. Motion carried (10 ayes, 0 nays). The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Steger, Clerk