

Town of Anderson Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting per Sec 60.11 (1)(2) July 14, 2020 at Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call at 6:03 pm by Jeremy Gronski.
2. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jeremy Gronski.
3. Approval of minutes of the 2019 annual meeting minutes.
Motedioned by Tim Harmon, seconded by Jim Loomis. Motion carried.
4. Review of Financial Statement-year ending 12-31-19
Motedioned by Mike Lee, seconded by Steve Resner. Motion carried.
5. Reports – Nothing to report
6. Discussions – adding agenda items to be discussed.
ATV, Town land sale, camping, water quality, employee pay, and town roads.
7. Open the floor to electors to discuss added agenda items.

a. **ATV**

In 2019 the county opened all roads to ATV expect County O where there is gravel and County road H,. All other roads open. This was a one year trial period. Tim Harmon said currently there are no problems and thinks all the roads should up to ATV use. Jim Bethke said that ATV's are not the problem with road damage. There are 3 trucks ripping up the roads, he is trying to catch them. People are wonder if dirt bikes have the same rules as ATV's. In order to run on the roads the vehicle must be registered/licensed.

Herb Johnson asked about having County Road O open by the County. This needs to get on the County agenda.

A vote was taken to open all black top and gravel roads in the Town of Anderson to ATV use. Total consensus 10-0 to approve. This will be a 1 year trail.

Traprock complaints on County Road O.

b. **Town land**

The town owns 400 acres. We have a contract with Bell Timber who manages our timber land. They plant and harvest. We have 80 acres by Oetigen and Jimmy Carter roads. This was planted in the 1980's and never took. It was not planted again. It would not be cost productive to try and replant so it would be better to sell the land. Would get with realtor to get the best price to make the most profit. This money would be used to offset debt that the town has after having to purchase some new equipment. Land may be divided up into 20 acre lots. Will take the advice of a realtor.

Jim Loomis motions to look into and selling of 80 acres. Barb Loomis seconded. Motion carried.

c. **Camping**

Mike Lee is concerned that people are living by the bluffs. He felt that there was a homeless camp there. People are camping/living at the boat lunches and parking areas for the trials. In one parking lot someone had built a fire. If you see something you can call the DNR or the police. If you are seeing garbage or extended campers you can also leave a message at the Town Hall and Jim Bethke will look into it.

d. **Water quality testing**

Town Board would like to spend \$500-\$1,000 a year on doing water sampling through the town to build a data base so that if a CAFO or other big business comes in we have a metric of what our water was.

Motioned by Mike Lee seconded by Steve Riesmer. Motioned carried.

e. **Employee pay**

Town had to increase the pay for the maintenance person in order to keep a good employee. Town is still looking into insurance for the fulltime employee. Also looking at increasing time off as a benefit. Town members agreed that you have to pay people a living wage to keep good people. This is for all town employees. Tim Harman said that our treasure and clerk are one the lowest paid in the county.

f. **Town roads**

The town has 64.7 miles of roads. About half are blacktop and half are gravel roads. Working on Hegge, Shogren and West River roads this summer. The town is planning on putting gravel roads on a maintenance plan. It can be expensive to contact out for hauling and gravel.

Street signs are missing. Need to catch the people stealing the signs. There are new signs that will go up after deer season.

8. Next meeting third Tues in April, April 20, 2021

9. Motion to continue to have barbecue dinner.

\$200 for the budget. Barb Loomis motions seconded Ben Rengo. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment made by Mike Lee seconded by (Filman) Motion carried.

**Due to Covid 19 virus we will not have barbecue this year.
Sanitizer and masks available.**