

# **Town of Anderson**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

### **April 19, 2022 at Town Hall at 6:45 PM**

Called to order by Jeremy Gronski at 6:50 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeremy Gronski

Approval of minutes of the 2021 annual meeting minutes

Barb Loomis made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. Allen Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of Financial Statement-year ending 12-31-2021

Jeremy Gronski went through the highlights of the Financial Statement. Explaining that the Town has a checking account that is used to pay our monthly bills. The Town also has a money market account that we keep our money in as it draws interest. Money is transferred into the checking account from the money market to cover our monthly expenses.

Allen Johnson asked about the dog license. The Town only gets \$1 per dog license. The rest goes to the county.

Allen Johnson also asked if the Town received any COVID money. In 2020 when COVID first shut things down, the Town received some money that was used to purchase cleaning supplies and the big screen TV that is used for meeting when people can't attend or if there is something that someone is presenting. In 2021 the Town received ARPA funding that will be used to put up a lean-to over the main door to the Town Hall. The lean-to is needed as the ice and snow fall from the shop roof onto the hall roof and then slides right in front of the main door. It causes a safety issue. It is also needed during elections to keep people 6 ft apart. The Town will also be purchasing communication radios for the trucks and grader for the maintenance workers. There will be used to keep in touch with our own maintenance people as well as workers from other towns. This is also in part for safety as cell phones don't work well and most times people are working alone. This way they can call for assistance and/or help.

Mike Lee motioned to approve the 2021 financial statement as is. LuAnn Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open the floor to electors

Jeremy Gronski talked about the newsletter. He thought this was a good idea. Mike Lee like that we handed them out to those who came to vote in the April election. Saved the town postage. Mike also asked to have the Town Supervisors introduced as they were both appointed and not elected due to the two elected Supervisors stepping down after our last Board election. Jim Loomis replaced Jim Ulmaniec and James Mielke replaced Tim Harmon.

Jeremy Gronski explained that the Board was granted permission by the electors to set the levy limit. He also explained that the cost of running the town is getting more expensive. Trying to keep good employees is hard and the Town needs to stay competitive

with wages and offering insurance. Mike Lee agreed with this and was concerned that the Town is not keeping up with the cost of living.

Jeremy Gronski talked about the sale of the Town's 80 acres. This made financial sense as the Town will get more on taxes than it would on timber.

The Board is also looking at selling a small piece of land that is land locked. The Town is not able to do anything with it and the landowner next to the land has asked about purchasing it. It could be sold at the same price per acre as the land that was just sold. The buyer would pay the closing costs.

Steve Johnson thanked the clerk for including the names in the public comments in the monthly minutes. He doesn't always make the meeting but does read the minutes and it helps. He is also very concerned that the Town has decided not to be part of the consortium with the other towns regarding the CAFO. He believes there is power in numbers and that the Town joining would be the best for the residents. He was happy to see that the Town had help residents get their water tested. Jeremy Gronski said that the Town has \$500 in the budget to help again this year. We would like to make sure we have good geographic spread of wells being tested.

Mike Lee made a motion to have the Town of Anderson become part of the consortium with other towns regarding the CAFO. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with 16 for and 1 against.

Next meeting Annual Meeting will be April 18, 2023

Discuss if we should continue to have barbecue dinner

It was agreed that the Town should continue to do the BBQ. LuAnn Becker made a motion to spend up to \$200 on the food for the BBQ and Ben Rengo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Steve Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. James Mielke seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.