

**Town of Anderson
Meeting minutes
Annual Meeting per Sec 60.11 (1)(2)
April 15, 2025 at Town Hall at 6:45 PM**

James Mielke called the meeting to order. He thanked Alison and Zeth for putting together a very nice coffee bar for the Annual BBQ and meeting. James then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes of the 2024 annual meeting minutes

Deb Ryan made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting minutes as written. Mike Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patsy Tucker went through the financial summary report for 2024. She said that the detailed financial statement was available upon request. No one had any questions. Sam Ashland motioned to approve the financial statement. Steve Reimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open the floor to electors

James Meilke opened the floor up to the electors. Deb Ryan said that we should work on our comprehensive plan again as it's been over 10 years since it was done last. She suggested reaching out to Steve Johnson who Chaired the last committee to see if he would be interested in Chairing it again. Deb Ryan and Krisy Allen are interested in being on the committee but do not want to Chair it. Deb Ryan suggested putting something on the website to see if there was anyone who would be interested in being on the committee or chairing it if Steve Johnson didn't want to. Deb also thought that it would be very helpful to have a least on person on the committee that was on the last committee, as it would be helpful for when questions come up on that the past committee was thinking when they were writing it. The electors did an advisory vote to have the Board consider this. Deb Ryan made a motion to have the Board review this request. Kristy Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Baxter had several items that he wanted to discuss. First was to have the Board establish an equipment fund account. This would be used to maintain and/or purchase equipment needed to take care of our roads. Paul Baxter suggested having a line item added to our budget that a certain amount would be deposited into this account each year. Mike Lee agreed that it would be a good idea. Patsy Tucker said that the Board was already looking into this and different types of account.

Paul Baxter said that it would be good for the Town to get into the Wisconsin Retirement System for the full-time employees. Annette Bethke said that this is already

being done. Towns are only able to join once a year. We missed the deadline for 2025, but it will happen for 2026.

Paul Baxter suggested that the Town establish an ordinance regarding the sale of any real property and/or improvements owned or controlled by the Town. There was a lot of discussion around this. The Board will investigate this to see what can be done legally. Ramona Moody suggested that the Town have a lawyer look it as well.

Paul Baxter suggested that the Board initiate contact with other towns in Burnett County to pursue creating a Burnett County ordinance requiring any real property and/or improvements acquired by Burnett County for unpaid fees, debts or taxes to first be offered for sale to the town in which the said property is located. There was some discussion about this, and it will be hard to accomplish.

Paul Baxter said that the Town should either commit to a regular schedule for the town to facilitate and encourage water testing or provide water testing information to the residents. Annette Bethke said that the Town had done this in 2021 due to the CAFO and people were concerned with the quality of their water. The Town organized this so that people had a base for future testing. Kristy Allen said that she would like to see this happen again. She had helped organize the first round of testing. It was also suggested that it would be good to create an email list of the residents to help share important information. Amanda Mielke said that she could help with that. After further discussions Mike Lee made a motion to have the Town organize water testing again for two years and have 3 creeks/streams tested at the discretion of the Board. The Town would pay 50% of the testing up to \$500. Paul Baxter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deb Ryan would like to have the Towns website updated and to have all the Towns ordinances put on the website. She understands this will be a lot of work but feels that it would benefit the Town as well as the residents. She is hoping that it could be done by the end of the year. It was also suggested that it would be good to create an email list of the residents to help share important information. Amanda Mielke said that she could help with that.

Next meeting Annual Meeting will be April 21, 2026

Amanda Mielke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seth Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.