

State of Wisconsin

April 16, 2019

County of Brown

Town of Pittsfield

The Annual meeting for the Town of Pittsfield was held on Tuesday, April, 16, 2019. Chairman Deneys, called the meeting to order at 7:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Members of the Town Board were introduced. Approximately 36 residents of the Town were in attendance.

Clerk Diederich read the minutes from the April 17, 2018, Annual meeting. Motion by Stan Kaczmarek , second by Ray Tauscher, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Gold Cross representative Bob, gave the report for NEW rescue, he started by Thanking the residences for the ability to speak at the meeting. In 2017 NEW had a total of 540 requests for service, of which 93 calls were in the Town of Pittsfield. For the Town of Pittsfield area the response time is about 9 minutes 45 seconds. Many of the full time staff lives in the community, which helps with response times. The National average is much higher with a comparable municipality being approximately 30 minutes for a response time. The total net gain for NEW Rescue in 2018 was \$209.33 Motion by Helen Wagner, second by Pay VerHeyden to approve the report. Motion carried.

James Styczynski gave the report for Tri-County Fire Department. Presently there are 36 members. Fire runs for 2018 were down with a total of 167 runs with 39 being in the Town of Pittsfield. There was a 1.12% increase in the budget. The department received a DNR grant in 2018 for \$3,872.74 which is a 50/50 match. The department did purchase a turbo draft, resealed the parking lot, 2 drop ponds, turnout gear, thermal camera and a 4 gas meter with the fire fighters fund. Packerland Fire District training is continuing on quarterly basis, the upcoming training will be for an active shooter situation. Grain bin rescue is possible with the department due to having one tube with the option of obtaining another tube if needed. The department will be applying for the DNR grant again in the coming year. The new refurbished fire engine should be back within a month . Motion by Ralph Diederich, second by Teresa Wargo to approve the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Harrig reported the town to have a positive yearend balance of \$166,385 at the end of 2018. The town tax rate for 2019 is \$3.27 per \$100,000 home value. Our 4 million dollar debt payment was paid off in September 2018. The town will be borrowed \$326,261 dollars for construction on S St. Augustine St and it will be paid back in full by June of 2020. The park fund presently has \$2,244 available. There were 220 dog tags issued during 2018, the town has over 1039 households with only 107 households obtaining Dog Licenses. The town is borrowing 1.8 million dollars for the construction of the New Community Center, Athletic field and the new parking lot addition, the term of the loan will be for a 10 year period. Motion by Dustin Foat, second by Del Bodart to approve the report. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Deb Diederich reported issuing a total of 51 permits in 2018 for an increase in assessed value of \$4,632,800. Motion Jan Bodart, second by Jenna Dias to approve the report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector report: 12 new home permits, 2 commercial permits, 9 garage/shed permits and 42 total permits with Electrical, Hvac, and remodels. Motion Teresa Wargo, second by Cindy Fischer to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Humane Officer report was given by Monica, She is a certified Human Officer and spoke briefly about the CART Team she has in place to care for animal 24/7 365 days a year. She picked up 35 dogs and 6 cats in 2018 with several coming from a large seizure in 2018. Motion Helen Wagner second by Rebecca Van Denberg to approve the report. Motion carried.

Motion by Gery Van De Yacht second by Stan Kaczmarek to dispense with the reading of the financial statement. Motion carried.

Motion by Betty Huetter, second by Dennis Frye to accept the financial statement as printed. Motion carried.

Roads:

2019 The south Bridge on Brookside will be constructed in August, this is one of the last wooden base bridges the town has remaining.

Chip seal/Double chip seal on several of the roads will be performed on Cottonwood, Norway Ct. and part of Woodside, with the gravel in ditches being address by the contractor.

Ditching and shouldering on Old 29 with a failing culvert replacement just west of the bridge will take place.

The town is in negotiations with the Village of Pulaski to partner in the yard waste facility the village has.

New Community Center/Park Update: The construction has begun and is ahead of schedule by 3 days, the move in day is scheduled for the end of August. The athletic fields will be tiled and the top soil will be spread out and go through a freeze/thaw season before the turf will be planted in 2020. The park committee is looking at playground equipment for the site.

Current Town Hall future: a discussion with possibilities for the current town hall was had, Stan Kaczmarek, second by Teresa Wargo made a motion to authorize the board the authority to sell the current town hall property as is. Motion Carried. A hand vote was made: vote was Unanimous, no opposition.

Other business:

Winter road conditions were discussed with concern about the amount of sand/pea gravel remaining on the roads.

Motion by Teresa Wargo second by Helen Wagner to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Deb Diederich/Clerk

