

State of Wisconsin

April 19, 2022

County of Brown

Town of Pittsfield

The Annual meeting for the Town of Pittsfield was held on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Deneys, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Members of the Town Board were introduced.

Chairman Deneys introduced the Town's lawyer Matt Parmentier from Dempsey Law and he explained to the residence the format for the an Annual Meeting

Clerk Diederich read the minutes from the April 20th, 2021 Annual meeting. Motion by Helen Wagner, second by Stan Kaczmarek, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Gold Cross representative, gave the report for NEW rescue, he started by giving background of the formation of NEW Rescue in 2005. He thanked the residences for the ability to speak at the meeting and service the community, the NEW rescue is now servicing 13,840 people and they on average handle more than 600 calls for service a year. In 2021 NEW had a total of 661 requests for service, of which 144 calls were in the Town of Pittsfield. For the Town of Pittsfield area the response time is about 10 minutes 26 seconds. This time is an excellent response, the average for a rural area, as most rural areas have a 17-20 minute response time, there were 212 No Transport calls in 2021. The total net gain for NEW Rescue in 2021 was \$35,601.45, in which \$7,122.86 was returned to the Town of Pittsfield. The Rescue was striving to be more interactive with the communities along with Police & Fire Departments. Motion by Julie Lewins, second by Ron White to approve the report. Motion carried.

Chief James Styczynski gave the report for Tri-County Fire Department. Presently there are 37 members. Fire runs for 2021 were up with a total of 205 runs with 37 being in the Town of Pittsfield. The department service area population was at 12,709 people in 2021, with the Town Pittsfield being up 40 residence. There was a 2.02% increase in the budget. The department received a DNR grant in 2021 for \$1,398.49 which is a 50/50 match, the department has applied for a couple of other grants and are waiting to hear on the status. The department purchased PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for firefighters with the DNR grant they also purchased cordless scene lighting. The Packerland Fire District training is continuing on quarterly basis, the training is conducted in the training center at Howard Suamico Station 2. The department will be applying for the DNR grant again in the coming year. The department is planning on upgrading the ladder truck in 2022. Motion by Judy Kasper, second by Marian Schmitz to approve the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Decker reported the town's levy for 2021 was at \$858,000, the town's assessed value is at \$307,148,500 with the town Mill rate for 2022 is \$2.79 per \$1,000 home value and the tax rate to be at \$12.86. The town's approved budget for 2021 had an estimated revenue and expenses of \$1,405,920, and the town had a positive yearend balance of \$439,231.62 for end of 2021. The general fund balance as of the March 2022 statement is at \$1,118,688.64, the park fund is at \$9,792.76 and the bridge fund is at \$112,051.79. The town debt is at \$1,300,219.60 dollars with the first opportunity to refinance in 2024, the term of the loan is for a 10 year period with the payoff being in 2029. There were 150 dog tags issued during 2021 along with 75 Kennel licenses for a total of 225 dog license. The town was

awarded \$294,955.99 through the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA. Motion by Matt Reynolds, second by Neal Neumann to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Town's Financial audit from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP was reviewed. Chairman Deneys announced that the Financial statement was available for review. Motion by Stan Kaczmarek, second by Jan Bodart to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Zoning Administrator Deb Diederich reported issuing a total of 34 permits in 2021 for an increase in assessed value of \$2,032,100. The Zoning Administrator also reported for the Building inspector, he issued a total of 19 permits for 2021. Motion by Del Bodart, second by Tom Steinbruecker to approve the report. Motion carried.

Dave Tauscher gave the Sanitary report, he reported that there are now 104 users on the service areas that include Lannoye school, CTH U, Kunesh Rd and Anston. The Sanitary District is funded by the users. Motion by Glen Bialozynski, second by Stev Bestul to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Humane Officer report was given by Chairman Deneys. Monica Hoff retired in June of 2021, and Shane Lestrud is a certified Human Officer we now contract through the Village of Howard. He picked up 13 dogs and 17 cats, and 6 wild animals for the Town of Pittsfield in 2021. The CART Team has now grown to 9 members. Motion Bert Lewins second by Bill Huber to approve the report. Motion carried.

Roads:

Discussed the Marly and CTH VV construction that took place in 2021

Construction is planned on Uphill Dr and parts of Silver bow in 2022.

The Town Engineer spoke about the BIL grant that was applied for and the Town is waiting to hear on, if the grant is awarded then construction on Kunesh Rd will take place sooner that scheduled.

The Town will be crack sealing several roads in 2022 and also some shouldering work.

Supervisor Holewinski gave the Community Park report, stated that the Park cleanup day is coming up on April 30<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are welcome. The Park committee is planning May 21<sup>st</sup>, for the Community Day celebration here at the Community Center. The Athletic fields will be opened on May 1st.

The Town's garbage collection service was discussed. Stan Kaczmarek made a recommendation to have the Town Board re-negotiate a contract with Deyo Disposal instead of looking at more options. Ron Kuffel seconded. Motion Carried.

Future planning for the town, boarder issues and possible water was discussed, the Chairman recommended that everyone go to the Town's website and under the News tab take the survey that is there for guidance of the Town's future.

Other business: None

Motion by Helen Wagner second by Stan Kaczmarek to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Deb Diederich/Clerk

