State of Wisconsin April 16th, 2024

County of Brown

Town of Pittsfield

The Annual meeting for the Town of Pittsfield was held on Tuesday April 16th, 2024. Chairman Deneys, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.

An announcement was made to please sign in if you had not.

Members of the Town Board were introduced, and the Chairman gave a summary of what an annual meeting is and how it is structured.

Clerk Diederich read the minutes from the April 18th, 2023 Annual meeting. Motion by Jan Bodart, second by Stan Kaczmarek, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Gold Cross representative, gave the report for NEW rescue, he started by thanking the residences for the ability to speak at the meeting and service the community. NEW had a total of 693 requests for service, of which 118 calls were in the Town of Pittsfield. For the Town of Pittsfield area the response time is about 10 minutes 21 seconds, this time is an excellent response time for a rural area. There were 183 No Transport calls in 2023 and 510 transported, 60 mutual aid runs for other communities. The total net gain for NEW Rescue in 2023 was $54,633.55, in which $10,886.43 was returned to the Town of Pittsfield. The Rescue was striving to be more interactive with the communities along with Police & Fire Departments. NEW Rescue ordered a new ambulance for a cost of $267,377 from Life Line and should be delivered at the middle of May 2024. Currently we have almost 200,000 miles on the primary ambulance. We schedule a purchase of a new ambulance every 10 years based on the call volume. Motion by Ron White, second by Helen Wagner 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 2023 were up with a total of 199 runs with 37 being in the Town of Pittsfield. The department service area population was at 12,866 people in 2023. There was a 32.1% increase in the budget. The department received a DNR grant in 2023 for $4,325 which is a 50/50 match. 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. Firefighters are donating proceeds from activities to purchase tools for the station and to update equipment. Motion by Dan Laskowski, second by Ralph Diederich to approve the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Decker reported the town’s levy for 2023 was at $881,909, the town’s assessed valve is at $314,595,095 with the town Mill rate for 2024 is $2.81 per $1,000 home value and the tax rate to be at $16.10. The town’s approved budget for 2023 had an estimated revenue and expenses of $1,631,074, and the town had a positive yearend balance of $562,035.72 for end of 2023 which is 35.67% of the total budget (High Carryover is due to the Nsight fiber obligation not coming due until 2023). The general fund balance as of the March 2024 statement is at $1,400,154.88, the park fund is at $11,605.95 and the bridge fund is at $157,729.51. The town debt is at $949,413.16 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 135 dog tags issued during 2023 along with 69 Kennel licenses for a total of 204 dog license. The town was awarded $294,955.99 through the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA and has spent $75,864.47 of these monies with $75,000 being given to the Pittsfield Utility District. Motion by Stan Kaczmarek, second by Helen Wagner to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Town’s Financial audit from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP was reviewed and a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Motion by Jan Bodart, second by Ron White to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Chairman Deneys gave the Utility District report, he reported that issues had arisen with the audit being conducted and a rate study was performed, the study advised a 12.6% increase for the 2024 2nd quarter billing. The REU (a User) would go from $135 per quarter to $152 per quarter. Motion by Steve Dunks, second by Dan Laskowski to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Zoning Administrator Deb Diederich reported issuing a total of 41 permits in 2023 for an increase in assessed value of $7,152,900 compared to 2022 assessed value of $2,032,100. Motion by Ron White, second by Helen Wagner to approve the report. Motion carried.

Humane Officer report was given by the Town’s officer Matt Atkinson who is a certified Human Officer we now contract through the Village of Howard. He picked up 2 dogs and 2 cats, and 6 wild animals for the Town of Pittsfield in 2023. Motion Steve Dunks second by Dan Laskowski to approve the report. Motion carried.

Public Works report touched on some town work and also the purchase of a speed board by the town to will be used throughout the Town’s roads.

A review of the fiber installation was discussed with Brown Counties fiber, Bug Tussel and then the Town’s fiber installation through Nsight. Construction will continue in the town through the summer of 2025.

Roads:

Construction is planned on Anston Rd from CTH C to Sunny Brook in 2024 with a full excavation reconstruct, with construction to start in late summer 2024. The Ag grant was applied for and would be for Kunesh Rd from CTH U to STH 32 and for Sandhill Dr.

Supervisor Holewinski gave the Community Park report, stated that the Park cleanup day is coming up on April 27th and volunteers are welcome, to help install the mulch by the playground and possibly the red mulch around the trees by the center. The Park committee is planning May 11th, for the Community Day celebration here at the Community Center. The Park Committee is looking for members if anyone is interested. There are Memorial Bench’s for sale yet to be placed in the park along the walking trail.

Future planning for the town, boarder issues and the water was discussed as the PSC litigation continues to move forward.

Other business: None

Motion by Stan Kaczmarek second by Helen Wagner to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Deb Diederich/Clerk