State of Wisconsin April 15th, 2025

County of Brown

Town of Pittsfield

The Annual meeting for the Town of Pittsfield was held on Tuesday April 15th, 2025. 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, along with the New Chairman elect introduction the Chair gave a summary of what an annual meeting is and how it is structured.

Clerk Diederich read the minutes from the April 16th, 2024, Annual meeting. Motion by Jan Bodart, second by Helen Wagner, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Gold Cross representative gave the report for NEW rescue, he started by thanking Mr. Keith Deneys for his 20 years of service and for the service he performed on the NEW Board. He then thanked the residences for the ability to speak at the meeting and service the community. NEW had a total of 685 requests for service, of which 125 calls were in the Town of Pittsfield. For the Town of Pittsfield area the response time is about 11 minutes 31 seconds, this time is a very good response time for a rural area. There were 203 No Transport calls in 2024 and 482 transported, 59 mutual aid runs for other communities. The total net gain for NEW Rescue in 2024 was $1,136.80. The Rescue is striving to be more interactive with the communities along with the Police & Fire Departments. NEW Rescues new ambulance for a cost of $267,377 from Life Line was delivered and it is equipped with a new power cot to lessen the risk of possible back or other lifting injuries to the medics. We schedule the purchase of a new ambulance every 10 years based on the call volume. Motion by Colleen Remely, second by Jan Bodart to approve the report. Motion carried.

Pulaski Tri-County Gold Cross representative gave the report for Tri-County Fire Department. Presently there are 37 volunteer members. Fire runs for 2024 were down with a total of 190 runs with 37 being in the Town of Pittsfield. The department service area’s population was at 12,949 people in 2024. There was an 18% increase in the budget. The department received a DNR grant in 2024 for $4,925 which is a 50/50 match. The Packerland Fire District training is continuing on a 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. Total cost for Pulaski Tri-county fire for 2024 for operations and equipment funds stands at $89,551.73. Motion by Keith Deneys, second by Jan Bodart to approve the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Decker reported the town’s levy for 2024 was at $973,765, the town’s assessed valve is at $442,446,900 with the town Mill rate for 2025 is $2.20 per $1,000 home value and the tax rate to be at $11.21. The town’s approved budget for 2024 had an estimated revenue and expenses of $1,798,690. The general fund balance as of the March 2025 statement is at $1,128,935.95, the park fund is at $13,093.54 and the bridge fund is at $182,974.75. The town debt is at $764,985.08 the Town refinance in June of 2024 with the new interest rate at 5.7%, with the payoff being in March of 2029, The yearly payments equal $217,363.86 (two payment of $108,681.93 in March & September). There were 122 dog tags issued during 2024 along with 66 tags to the 9 Kennel licenses for a total of 188 dog license. The town was awarded $294,955.99 through the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA and has spent $231,397.70 for the fiber project. Motion by Steve Dunks, second by Colleen Remely to approve the report. Motion carried.

The Town’s Financial audit from Clifton Larson Allen, LLP was reviewed with a representative from CLA. Motion by Deb Diederich, second by Helen Wagner to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Chairman Deneys gave the Utility District report, he reported that the Utility District purchased Property at 2771 CTH U for future use. Also discussed the possible expansion of the district from Kunesh to LP Corp. Motion by Steve Dunks, second by Mike Bodart to approve the report. Motion Carried.

Zoning Administrator Deb Diederich reported issuing a total of 54 permits in 2024 for an increase in assessed value of $15,141,921 compared to 2023 assessed value of $7,152,900. Motion by Scott Mielke, second by Brandon Holewinski to approve the report. Motion carried.

Humane Officer report was given by Chairman Deneys he reported the Humane Officer 14 animals which included 3 dogs and 11 cats, for the Town of Pittsfield in 2024. 8 Citations were issued for a total of $1,386.36. Motion Helen Wagner second by Jan Bodart to approve the report. Motion carried.

Public Works reported that the speed board is back up on the Town’s roads, brushing in the right of way will continue due to overgrowth and line of sight issues and potholes will be filled soon. Motion by Scott Mielke, second by Mike Bodart to approve the report. Motion Carried.

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 Brookside from Potters Crossing to CTH B and several roads will have shouldering done.

Supervisor Holewinski gave the Community Park report, stated that the Park cleanup day is coming up on April 26th and volunteers are welcome to help install the mulch by the walking trail. 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, the crowd was informed that the PSC did come in favor of the Town during the litigation.

Other business: None

Motion by Keith Deneys second by Scott Mielke to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Deb Diederich/Clerk