

Town of Rock Creek
2020 Annual Meeting
Tuesday September 15, 2020
7:00 PM

Harry called the annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Harry Warden, Dan Whitehead, Rachel Kummer, Jon Sylte, and Susan Huftel.

Fifty-nine residents were also in attendance, meeting in the park. The list of attendees is at the end of this report.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2019 were read. Jason Wiley made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Dennis Norrish seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken all in favor.

Minutes from the May 6, 2019 Board of Review were read. Cathy Blok made the motion to accept the minutes, Paul Onstad seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken all in favor.

Minutes from the November 7, 2019 Public Budget Hearing Meeting, Special Town Meeting of the Electors and Special Town Board Meeting were read. Terry Huftel made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Roger Dallman seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken all in favor.

The Annual Report was looked over and reviewed. Terry Eckwright made the motion to accept the report as printed and Roger Dallman seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken all in favor.

Public issues were discussed

Harry presented a brief review of the recent history that led to Dunn County Solid Waste/Recycling to cease operation as of December 31, 2020. Therefore, the towns are required to become independent Responsible Units for providing those services to the residents. There appear to be two options available to us.

1) The town of Rock Creek can contract with a refuse hauler to provide at home roadside pickup of refuse and mandated recycling. All of the households would be served by that hauler, who would bill the town. Residents would pay the town, which would work similar to the way you are currently billed with the stickers. A request for Proposal has been sent to 4 area haulers, but the numbers have not come in yet. However, a commonly reported fee of \$25.00 per month could be used to determine that it would cost approximately \$300 per household per year.

2) Rock Creek township could continue to operate the collection site that we currently have. Dunn County has provided us with an estimated cost of operation of \$51,802 annually. We have about 385 households, so an estimate of somewhere between \$130 to \$150 per household per year could be used for comparison.

Dunn County is offering to sell equipment including the compactor, receiver box, site office, safe, shed, outhouse, fiber/container recycling roll-off boxes, and used oil collection tank for \$15,000. The compactor is 3 years old.

There was a show of hands to determine a rough idea of the sentiment of the attendees. One resident preferred the first option. The overwhelming majority preferred option 2.

This will require willing workers to man the site. There were at least three men that offered their services.

Dennis Norrish suggested that we have another town meeting when we have more solid numbers, but there is a deadline of October 1 to get our Recycling grant application turned in, which requires a plan and cost estimates. The bids from the haulers will be opened at the September 17 regular town board meeting.

There is also a possibility of Springbrook and Peru joining us.
Approximately half of the attendees went home at this point.

Harry explained his idea of having a park on the land that will appear when the pond is drained by the removal of the dam. This requires the adjacent landowners to be in agreement. Harry sent a letter to each of those landowners. Pat Moser has emailed her position of no interest in such a plan. Dennis Norrish voiced his concerns. He is also not interested in the idea.

Jon Sylte will be retiring as Treasurer, his term ending in April 2021. The caucus is in January.

Dennis Norrish made an appeal for people to help out on the Cemetery Committee. The current members are aging and need younger people to take an interest in serving the community.

Harry brought up the salaries of the Town Board members. The last time there were raises was 2006, and responsibilities have increased over the years. The Wisconsin Towns Association did a survey in 2016 of board members' salaries. Harry reported the comparisons of our current board's salaries and the average of comparable towns from the 2016 survey as follows:

Chair: \$2,640 ---\$3,256

Supervisors: \$1,540 ---\$1,814

Treasurer: \$3,200 ---\$3,824 (this is with the Treasurer collecting the taxes.)

Clerk: \$5,520 ---\$6,179

Ray Blok made a motion to take the 2016 average numbers and give a 15% increase for the Clerk, and 5% for the rest. Elijah Eckwright seconded the motion. Paper ballots were utilized. Elijah Eckwright and Connie LeCleir-Meyer were appointed to tabulate. The results are Yes 27, No 4. Motion passes and takes effect in April 2021 with the newly elected officials.

Jason Wiley brought up that we need firefighters drastically. There are not many available during the daytime hours, since the current firefighters have jobs out of the area.

The dragstrip noise issue was raised. Ernest Vogler reported he has spoken with the racetrack manager. The board needs to research what we can do about the noise, be it an Ordinance or some other approach.

The date for the next Annual Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Eckwright at 8:40 P.M. and seconded by Terry Huftel, vote taken all in favor.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2020.

Susan Huftel, Clerk
Town of Rock Creek

Attendees : Terry Huftel, Connie LeCleir-Meyer, Tom LeCleir, Ernest Vogler, Paul Onstad, Dave Clausen, Dennis Norrish, Cherilyn Norrish, Richard Rude, Roger Dallman, Connie Dallman, Roger Ray Dallman, Ray Blok, Cathy Blok, Jason Wiley, Dick Dahl, Sue Dahl, Dustin Nelson, Bob Bauer, Tim Irwin, Heather Irwin, Donna Schilling, Al Schilling, Rich Brommer, Rhonda Goss, Terry Goss, Beverly Olson, Roland Johnson, Louis Gullickson, Veronica R Gullickson, Bobbie Johnson, Al Repinski, Tammy Jean, Nick Mayer, Teresa Pleger, Michael Johnson, Melissa Gullickson, Lowell Greenwood, Randall Hazen, Roy Splinter, Jon Koller, Ken Taylor, Marilyn Taylor, Marshall Multhauf, Karina Taylor-Multhauf, Elijah Eckwright, Travis Aker, Missy Hazen, Joslyn Brantner, Nic Brantner, Lisa Pronschinske, Renae Stewart, Al Snyder, Josh Butler, Joel Harschlip, Diane Harschlip, Linda Harschlip, Charles Harschlip

UNAPPROVED MINUTES