

**Town of Fountain**  
Annual Town Meeting  
Town Hall  
W9921 Jacobson Rd.  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Wayne Olson (chair) Sarah Ann Shanahan (Clerk), Dale Benson, Lisa Vieth, Bob Fox, John Wenum, Arris Sullivan, Nate Bell, Joanne Klinker, Suzanne Sorenson, Bob Frohmader

1. Clerk presented financials from last year
2. Arris made a motion to approve the minutes from 2015 annual meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa, passed unanimously
3. Chair presented his report

Chairman's recap of the past year:

- Roads
  - Crack sealer O'Connor, Russell, Town Shop, Schucht
  - Resurfaced Lee road and part of Town Shop
  - Sold excess salt to county
  - Accessed culvert matching funds for Town Shop and Batko to get half of the cost covered
  - We should map out all culverts in town
  - Wood road damage
  - Submitted TRIP project for Zindorf road, estimated to be \$98,000 and awarded \$14,000 from the county pot of TRIP money
- Town hall
  - Got new printer
  - Work on town hall yard
  - Prepaid for propane
- Planning
  - Reflectivity plan put together
  - Updated emergency management plan
  - Debt service levy became part of the permanent part of levy
  - In process of trying to get grant for new fire signs but want to wait until new county ordinance regulating fire numbers and road signs is implemented
  - Road and Ag Committee: Wayne formed a committee to look into the issue deeper on the committee is: Nate Bell, Rocky Schroeder, Doug Bradley, Keith Hanson, Tina Hinton and Dick Haske. Overall committee feels that Town should pay normal wear and tear damage and if that means increasing the levy to have roads to withstand the traffic then we should do that
  - Equipment committee: Nate, Keith, Dick, Dale meets twice a year once in February and once in late fall/early winter
  - Cemetery Association is Joanne Klinker, Arris Sullivan, Kari Olson, Sarah Ann Shanahan
  - Approved full re-evaluation
  - Sent letter to taxpayer letting them know the budget strains on the ability to properly maintain roads and asked for input on whether to raise the levy or stay within the budget, knowing that's not enough. Many people responded. Board decided to postpone a decision until after the full re-evaluation
  - Big truck has problems
  - Schucht Road culvert
- Trainings
  - Attend WISLR training (Sarah and Joanne)
  - Provided election training to all election workers prior to every election
  - Nate and Wayne attended numerous trainings on maintaining roads

- Other
    - Hired Dennis Franek as building inspector
    - Secured a local high school student to help with new website
    - New posting requirements allow for us to post meeting notices on the website and board by town hall
    - Discontinued Schucht Lane
    - Joanne became Secretary for Towns Association of the County, Kathy is the Treasurer
  - We had 2 elections since last year annual meeting. New election law changes have made it more difficult for workers and voters. Photo ID is now an effective and we have experienced some difficulties.
  - Election Officials include:
    - Calene Ehrlich
    - Eileen L. Macrific
    - Elaine E. St Clair
    - Lola St. Clair (CI)
    - Betty Krotzman (CI)
    - Hazel Ritchart
    - Tina Hinton (CI)
    - Lisa Vieth (CI)
    - Jeremiah Shanahan
4. John Wenum made a motion to have the Messenger as the Town's publication paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nate, passed unanimously
  5. Open floor
    - a. Bob Fox suggested we post the annual meeting. It is not a statutory requirement since it's the same time and place every year.
    - b. Is the Junk Ordinance at the county level still in effect?
      - i. Where do you draw the line between messy and junk? Who decides
      - ii. Important to keep view of town positive for people who like to travel through for its scenic beauty
      - iii. Sherriff's department doesn't enforce, not sure why
      - iv. Environmental health law could be a way to address, public health nuisance
    - c. Lisa made a motion to the Move to Amend resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne
      - i. 900 +million going into presidential election. Means no regulation of political contributions because of citizen's united where the court stated that corporations are people and money is speech.
      - ii. 8 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstain
    - d. Snow drifts are dangerous can we encourage people to put up live snow fences? No but good to encourage your neighbors if it's a problem
  6. Nate made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arris, passed unanimously