

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Town of Ashippun

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

The Annual Town of Ashippun meeting was held at the Ashippun Town Hall on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 starting at 7:00 p.m. A total of 49 residents signed in at the meeting. Chairman Panozzo called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Syl Hoerth moved and Jeni Norton seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Voice vote was recorded as all ayes, no nays. Motion carried to adopt the agenda.

An introduction of the head table showed Town Chairman Steve Panozzo, Town Supervisors David Adkins, William Bremer, James Meyer and Norman Greeb; Town Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Liesener; Brett Hofmeister from Johnson-Block, Inc.; and Attorney Eric Larson from Arenz, Molter, Macy, Riffle & Larson, S.C. Clerk Liesener read the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting. Chairman Panozzo asked for any additions, corrections, or omissions. Seeing none, Judy Swanton moved and Sandy Jaeger seconded to accept the minutes as read. All in favor by voice vote and motion was carried.

State of the Town address - Chairman Steve Panozzo thanked residents for allowing the Board to serve the community and re-electing Supervisors Bremer and Meyer. Chairman Panozzo talked about the town roads, the recycling center and dog licenses. He thanked town employees and those who serve the community.

Annual Financial Report - Auditor, Brett Hofmeister spoke on the Audit Report and the Financial Statements. He pointed out a few things on the Annual Report as it was printed in the booklet. The highest level of assurance was issued to the town on their audit.

Ashippun Fire Department - Chief Deonne Eske reported the Ashippun Fire Department responded to 173 calls for assistance in the Town of Ashippun, Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Erin and Town of Lebanon in 2016. The department continues with training, education and activities. In 2016 two new members were added to the roster. Chief Eske had the honor of representing Wisconsin at the National Star of Life Awards in Washington D.C. In 2017 the Ashippun Fire Department will be celebrate 100 years and will be hosting the Dodge County Firefighter's Tournament.

Neosho/Rubicon/Ashippun Police Department - Chairman Steve Panozzo read the 2016 police report. The Town of Ashippun had 642 activities (arrests, citations, warnings, complaints, etc.). The total for all three towns was 2,074 activities (arrests, citations, warnings, complaints, etc.).

Planning Commission - No report available.

History Committee - Roger Johnson thanked the town board and the citizens of Ashippun for the continued support of the history committee. Activities of the history committee included Music in the Park, a history display at the Firemen's Picnic, Indian Summer and a program honoring the Ashippun Fire Department's 100th anniversary. The committee purchased and installed 2 additional flag poles at the Town Hall. In 2017 the committee will be commissioning another painting of Ashippun. Music in the Park will be held on June 10, 2017 at the Town Hall.

Recreation Committee - David Adkins reported three ball teams rented the two parks in 2016. David thanked the highway department for keeping the ball fields in good condition.

Recycling Report - Chairman Panozzo thanked the employees who work at the Recycling Center. The town receives a grant from the DNR to help offset the costs of operating the Recycling Center. The money from turning in recyclable materials continues to drop.

Spring Clean Up Days are May 6 and 13, 2017 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Recycling Center. Fall Clean Up Days are October 7 and 14, 2017.

Board of Review will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm by appointment.

Ceremonial Swearing in of the Town Board members Attorney Eric Larson had Chairman Steven Panozzo, Supervisor William Bremer, Supervisor James Meyer and Ashippun Sanitary District secretary/treasurer John Nelson repeat the oath of office.

New Business: Sandy Jaeger would like to have a bench or picnic table at Hyland Park.

Public Comment: John Kuhn would like to see a plan to fix the roads. Jim Koepke thanked the highway department for the good job plowing snow. Judy Kehl told residents who are interested in the closing of the brush and yard waste site to attend the monthly board meeting Thursday evening. Sandy Jaeger informed residents about the Little Free Library outside the Ashippun Bp. Supervisor Meyer stated Meadow View school is looking to start a Little Free Library for children's books only in Ashippun. Rosemary McAleavey asked if the monthly meeting minutes could include the incident numbers in the police and fire department reports. Mitch Hertneky asked why the minutes posted

on the town's website are not official and he would like to see the brush and yard waste opened back up. Tom Jordens asked if the people in attendance would support a property tax increase for road improvements. Chairman Panozzo asked for a show of hands who would be in favor of a property tax increase. A result of approximately 60% in attendance would support a property tax increase. Gary Guenther asked how much revenue was collected from the camera security system at the Recycling Center.

Announcements: Chairman Panozzo announced the dates for Spring Clean Up are May 6th and 13th. He also announced Open Book is May 1, 2017 and the Board of Review will be May 17, 2017 by appointment only.

Set a date for the next Annual Meeting, Tuesday April 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Tom Jordens moved and John Kuhn seconded to have the next Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. All in favor by voice vote and motion carried to set the meeting.

Tom Jordens moved to adjourn the annual meeting and seconded by John Kuhn. All in favor. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Liesener, Clerk/Treasurer