

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF ONEIDA, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

APRIL 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Scott Schaumberg

Present were: Scott Schaumberg, Al Krause, Terry Hock and Kelly Hill

Also present: Joe Maass, Anna Froehlich, Glen Olson, Riley Olson, Luann Skarlupka, Tony Skarlupka, Ken Olson, Lori Olson, Nathan Riehl, Jon Sobieck, Mike Sobieck and Shanna Sobieck.

Scott Schaumberg led the Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment of Tellers, Sergeants-at-Arms or Parliamentarians. Jon Sobieck made a motion to pass with no Appointment of Tellers, Sergeants-at-Arms or Parliamentarians. Ken Olson second the motion. Motion carried.

Glen Olson made a motion to approve minutes of Annual Meeting April 19, 2022 and Budget Hearing November 9, 2022. Joe Maass second the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Maas made a motion to dispense reading the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as listed in the KerberRose Audit Report which is included in the 2023 Annual Report. Lori Olson second the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report – Glen Olson read the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department report that was included in the Annual Report. Glen stated the officers which included himself as the Fire Chief, Kurt Olson as assistant chief, Joe Maas as Captain, Chet Olson as Lieutenant, Kyle Vanden Langenberg as Secretary, Anna Froehlich as Treasurer. Fire Board Members are Theo Kurowski and Morgan Vanden Langenberg. Glen stated that we have added 2 new firefighters who are Brent Olson and Cheyenne Steffes. We also have one Jr Firefighter who is currently going through his training, Riley Olson. The fire department also has three honored firefighters that have dedicated 45 years of service: Al Mullen, Pat Vande Voort and Jim Olson. Glen also stated that we had an unexpected passing of fire fighter, Kurt Nackers.

Glen then stated that the Fire Department had a total of 88 calls for 2023. The calls included; 10 structures, 9 false alarms and control fires, 23 accidents/scene safety or vehicle fires. 4 CO2 detectors. 8 MABAS calls, 3 grass fires, 26 wires down, 4 lift assists and 1 gas leak. Glen also mentioned that many of those calls were due to the storm that went through the town in June. Glen also stated that the Town used MABAS 5 times.

Glen stated that the Town of Oneida Volunteer Fire Department Annual Picnic was a great success last year and this year's picnic is scheduled for June 4th.

Glen discussed the new fire truck and how useful it was to have the past few months. Tony Skarlupka asked how the new truck has been working out and what are the benefits. Glen discussed multiple benefits and efficiency it provides for fire protection. Glen stated that it allows the firefighters to be ready when they arrive at the scene. Scott Schaumberg stated that the truck was definitely needed.

Glen also reported that the Fire Department had their audit this month. This audit is completed every 3-5 years. The audit went well. The audit is required for the fire department to then receive 2% dues. The Fire Department uses the 2 % dues to pay for fire inspection and fire prevention.

Glen thanked the town board for their support over the past years.

First Responder Report- Nathan Riehl introduced himself as the new director of County Rescue. Nathan provided a report that was included in the Annual Report. Nathan Summarized some details which included; Currently have 3 first responders within the Town of Oneida. He discussed with the attending residents the benefits of more First Responders and the importance of them within our Township. He gave the Town of Oneida clerk information on upcoming EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) training. The training will take place from 9/12/2023-11/15/2023 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:00pm-10:00pm. The course is a total of 80 hours. Nathan did mention that Hobart first responders do respond in Town of Oneida calls. Nathan updated the residents on the topic of the Village of Hobart moving forward with their new fire station. This fire station will be at the same location as the previous station on South Pine St. County Rescue will have a 24-hr staffed County Rescue at that facility also. Hobart just signed an 18-year contract to provide EMS in Hobart. Nathan is proud to say that County Rescue is fully staffed. Also, with the use of flex grants this past year County Rescue purchased 4 new ambulances and upgraded to cutting edge devices, protection, power load and power cots on every ambulance.

Fire Chief, Glenn Olson, thanked County Rescue for their service to the Town of Oneida.

Park Report – Kelly Hill stated that the park pavilion will be available for residents to rent from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Cost to rent is \$100 per day with a \$150 deposit. The deposit is returned if the pavilion and parking area is properly cleaned, no damage and garbage is taken away.

Glen Olson stated that the fire department is assisting in moving the shaded shelter from the back of the town property to a new location that is close to the pavilion. This

provides pavilion renters along with residents at the park with some additional available shade. The concrete slab is completed and plans on moving the shelter soon.

Burning by DNR rules- Scott Schaumberg states that the Town of Oneida doesn't give out burning permits. The town follows Outagamie County and DNR requirements for burning. If a resident is inquiring about a clean burn that is larger than a 3 ft x 3 ft area, they are to contact Oneida Fire Department Fire Chief, Glen Olson or Town Chairman, Scott Schaumberg.

Old Business –No response

New Business – Ken Olson asked the attending residents about their thoughts of increasing the number of board members from 3 to 5. Ken explained that this would alternate the Election Board on every year election pattern with 3 and then 2. Jon Sobiec stated that he is a bonus of not having a total flip of board members. Ken Olson also talked about having the town split into 4 districts, north, south, east and west. One representative from each directional location and then the town chairman. Ken gave his opinion of the benefit of having members from all across the town. Luann Skarlupka stated that there may be more potential for conflict with 5 members. Luann also stated that a possible reason that the current board isn't being contested is because they are doing a good job. Residents are content. Another reason may be because of lack of interest. Al Krause also stated he is concerned that there wouldn't be enough interest to have a 5-member board. With that, would there be an equal commitment to the duties of being part of the town's board. Glen Olson stated that an average meeting is about 4-6 people. Glen thinks that more people should attend monthly meetings, but they don't, which could mean residents are happy with how things are being run or because of lack of interest. Glen informed the residents that years ago Annual Meetings would be a whole day event with a meal and discussions. That is not the case anymore. Ken Olson also agreed that when there is no opposition it is more than likely because you're doing a good job. Ken Olson also said that a pro and a con would be more people equals more input. Scott Schaumberg stated that we as the current board do care about our town and we have a strong commitment with our current board as is. Nathan Riehl referred that town to State Statute 60.10(2)(b), 60.20 and 60.21. Those state statutes may help with the topic of 3 vs 5 members. Luann Skarlupka stated that she also has read from the Town Association that towns of population of 2,500 or more, direct the town board to increase the membership to 5. Kelly Hill stated that our current population is over 4,500. Scott Schaumberg brought up the point that increasing from 3 to 5 members would also mean increasing the budget by a minimum of \$2,000. Luann stated it seems rather quick to make this decision. Nathan Riehl stated that it may be advantageous to make this adjustment on the towns terms rather than being forced to make the increase from 3 to 5 board members. Ken Olson made a motion to look into the rules in regulations of increasing the town board members from 3 to 5. John Sobieck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Schaumberg stated that Oneida Nation is looking into receiving federal funding for Seminary Rd, Ranch Rd and Old Seymour Rd.

Ken Olson discussed the agreement with Oneida Nation and the annual amount that is paid. Ken thinks that the amount paid should be considered by the amount of land Oneida Nation owns within the town. The percent of land owned by Oneida Nation is increasing and yet the amount paid year to year by Oneida Nation stays the same. Glen Olson stated that with Oneida Nation owning more and more land, that deters that town from revenue that would be received from tax paying residents. Kelly Hill stated that she would review the agreement and add it as an agenda item at the next meeting with Oneida Nation.

Mike Sobieck stated that he is concerned about the cutting of road ditches in the town. Scott Schaumberg stated that we do plan on cutting the road ditches. Scott Schaumberg stated that we are transitioning in the town's maintenance department with Chris Vanden Langenberg retiring and the new hire Riley Olson. Scott Schaumberg also stated that the town purchased a new mower last year that would improve the road ditch mowing. Mike Sobieck's concerned that there are parts of the town that were not mowed at all last year. Scott Schaumberg stated that he is confident that our new hire will be able to maintain all the road ditches in the town.

Shanna Sobieck stated concerns on Schevers Way for increased patrol from the sheriff department. Scott Schaumberg stated he would relay their concern to the sheriff's department.

Shanna Sobieck stated her concern with the end of Schevers Way. There are No Outlet signs, however, she is concerned about the end of the actual road. There are currently no signs to stop traffic. If a vehicle goes past the end of the road there is a descending hill which is an additional safety concern. Riley Olson, town maintenance, stated he would evaluate the concern.

Date of 2023 Annual Meeting – Glen Olson made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting of next year to the third Tuesday in April which is Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Ken Olson second the motion. All favored, no opposed. Motion carried.

At 9:06P.M. Anna Froehlich made a motion to adjourn. Joe Maass second the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Hill, Clerk/Treasurer