

Wilton Township
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

Township Clerk, Jody Thatcher, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray Nugent moved to nominate Jerry Kinsella as moderator. Gynith Borden seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Clerk Jody Thatcher swore in Jerry Kinsella as Moderator.

Clerk, Jody Thatcher read the minutes of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Bill Maves moved to approve the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Minutes as presented. Ray Nugent seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion carried. 2020 Annual Town Meeting Minutes Approved.

Moderator Jerry Kinsella asked for the Annual Treasurer's report. Township Supervisor Gynith Borden reported all accounts are available for review. All accounts are being audited and are in good standing. The audit cost \$8,000.00 and is split between the Township and Road and Bridge Accounts.

The reports include the Town Account, Road and Bridge. Future Office Fund, General Assistance, Bridge Aid, Cemetery and Community Building. The reports were on display and available for examination for the duration of the meeting.

Supervisor Report:

Gynith Borden reported there is an excess of 10K of funds available in the Township account. Also, tax money will start coming in in May. There are several donations the Townships have made in the past including, \$1,500 to Helping Hands of Peotone and \$500 to the Peotone Scholarship Foundation. She stated to have the Community Building Loan paid off at the end of the term to avoid a balloon payment, \$5,500 should be transferred as a principal payment yearly.

Road Commissioner Report:

Ray Nugent reported there are some good roads and some bad roads. He would like to start paving roads, however, that is not possible due to lack of funds to repair the bridges. Slag also needs to be used due to lack of funds. There is one road, after grading, revealed damage due to the cricks washing in the road. Found several other roads for a total of three. Under the bridges was cleared out and repair is needed for all three roads by the bridges. Road work will not be as much this year because the three roads are a priority to avoid severe damage. Ray is open to any suggestions from community members. Ray stated the road and bridge is in desperate need of a bridge tax. This money could be used for repairs instead of taking if from the main account.

Planning Commission:

Community Building Report:

Gynith Borden reported Carmen Kinsella is not feeling well today and she will be giving the report. There are currently problems with the Community Building Floor. Large area by the kitchen is rotting and sinking in. There are other spots across the floor with the same issues. This project will be put out to bid with an estimate of 20-30 thousand for completion if a concrete floor is decided upon. Engineer

looks at the building and did not find any problems or issues with the foundation. Larry Christiansen was there and confirmed the footing is sound all the way to the bottom, the Engineer went down four feet. Discussions took place between the community members about possibly needing tile work to be done. Discussions also took place about what is under the original floor and what will need to be done. Gynith stated Carmen spoke with Manhattan bank and they stated they will be able to approve us for additional money as a loan. Anyone interested in bidding on this project, if approved, will be required to obtain a permit from the County for this project.

Cemetery Report:

Gynith Borden reported Alan Christiansen is not feeling well today. He informed her he would like April 17, 2021 from 8-11:30 am to cut down a tree. There is \$14,555K in the account.

Old Business:

New Business:

Larry Christiansen made a motion to donate \$1,500 from the Township Fund to Helping Hands in Peotone, Paul Engler seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Kelly Farmer made a motion to donate \$500 from the Township Fund to Peotone High School Senior Scholarship, Rich Devries seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Kelly Farmer made a motion to transfer \$5,500 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Community Building account directly paid to the loan, Bill Maves seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Paul Engler made a motion to transfer \$10,000 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Community Building account, Kelly Farmer seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Public Forum:

Mrs. Beverly Christiansen, representative for Helping Hands of Peotone, visited and spoke about how much the Wilton Township donation, \$1,500.00 per year, along with the 10K of Covid-19 relief funds, to Helping Hands has made a difference. Mrs. Christiansen gave a background of the Helping Hands Pantry, along with stating they donate backpack full of school supplies in the beginning of the year, and Christmas trees at the banks with tags on them featuring a wish list for a child. The pantry is also able to donate turkey and hams at Christmas and Thanksgiving. This year was the first time they were able to supply Easter meals. Mrs. Christiansen stated for every dollar donated, the pantry can purchase \$8 in groceries. Also, Meir Foods gives them a once a week donation. Between January and March of this year, the pantry has been able to donate 15 tons of food. The pantry is set up like a grocery store so patrons can pick and choose what they would like. Peotone High School students volunteer often, but they are always looking for more volunteers.

Rich Devries let the community know that since the building is closed until repairs are completed, the Church is available for the monthly meetings, along with accommodating community member for hall

rentals. He also stated the Apostolic Church is closed and the building is for sale if anyone is interested in purchasing.

Gynith Borden announced Larry Christiansen is retiring after 20+ years of service to the community. Larry was presented with a plaque and there are cupcakes and water for everyone to enjoy after the meeting.

Adjournment

Paul Engler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM, Ray Nugent seconded the motion, 2021 Annual Town Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody M. Thatcher

Wilton Township Clerk