

ANNUAL MEETING-- APRIL 13,2010

Chairman Fahey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Ted immediately had the Town's Accountant- Kevin Krysinski from Johnson Block present the financial report and status of the town. Kevin has another meeting to attend. Kevin noted that 85% of taxes collected go to other taxing jurisdictions.

Kevin answered questions in regards to the reports. Alton Sherman made a motion to approve the report as presented and Jim Patterson second the motion, all ayes motion approved.

The 2008 minutes were then read and approved with a motion from Bill O'Connor and second from Fred Bonacker, all ayes, minutes approved.

Ted then reviewed 2009 activities.

The Belleville EMS building was paid off.

A loan had been taken out to pay for the town's share of the new fire truck.

A new snowplow truck had been purchased. The town had \$93,000 in the equipment CD and borrowed \$54,000 from the WI Public Land Commissioner. The park/building site land has been paid for in three years.

The town is looking into the building of a salt shed. Prices and sizes are being gathered now and will be presented at a special town meeting at a later date. The newly implemented state Prevailing Wage law is having a significant impact on the prices of the structure. Anything over \$25,000 done by the town must be submitted to the State for a State Prevailing Wage determination, which adds significant cost to the project. Road maintenance does not fall under Prevailing wage.

The town is now charging for large items at the Recycling Center. Residents must pay by check, as the employees do not carry cash. A receipt must be presented before disposal of the item.

The park continues to add improvements with the help of donations. The new playground equipment will be installed by the Memorial Day holiday.

The town website continues to expand, anyone wishing to see something added to it should contact the clerk.

The town only had 3 housing starts in 2009.

Chairman Fahey closed his review of 2009 and informed the people in attendance of the rules of an Annual meeting for citizen input.

Jay Christen asked if Exeter has ever been asked to donate to the Belleville Lake development. Past Chairman Bill O'Connor stated that at an Annual Meeting a number of years ago some people asked that \$100,000 is given to the project but at budget time it was not approved by a strong majority of people.

Marc Peterson then asked what was developing in regards to the Rec. Director position in the Village of Belleville. He suggested that if the Village was asking Exeter to donate to the salary for the position that the Village be asked to donate to the Exeter Park in exchange.

Bill O'Connor asked when the last time was that the board received a raise and if it should be considered to implement an increase in salaries. It has been four years and the present board agreed that they were being well compensated. Ted explained that his duties have greatly reduced since the clerk has been in the office fulltime. The clerk in the office now handles the majority of questions he had been dealing with. He explained the duties of the Clerk/ Deputy Treasurer and that the Town was conducting an audit now on a regular basis and that a new Treasurer had been appointed for a three-year term.

Alton Sherman then asked if the board would consider spending more on repairs of the roads. He noted that the budget had not been increased in recent years but that the cost has gone up to make repairs to roads so fewer repairs were being completed. He felt the conditions were deteriorating faster than repaired and that the town would be faced with some badly damaged roads in the very near future and a lack of funds to make repairs.

Discussion followed with it being suggested that a budget plan be made for the budget hearing in November for the people in attendance to review. Alton would like to see the board use the budget as it stands now for crack filling and to budget extra for the worst roads to be wedged.

Sue Bonacker made a motion to authorize the board to look at increasing budget line items to allow for increases to allow for greater repairs and allow increases as needed at budget meeting. Dave Nichols second the motion, all ayes, motion approved.

Chairman Fahey then talked briefly about the abandoned buildings across the road from the hall.

Marc Peterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jay Christen second the motion, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, DRAFT  
Candee Christen, Clerk