

ANNUAL MEETING—APRIL 12, 2011

Chairman Fahey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present: Board members, Fahey, Gundlach, Zweifel, Clerk Christen and 7 citizens as well as the Town Accountant, Kevin Krynski.

The 2010 Annual meeting minutes were read and approved; motion Marc Peterson, second Alton Sherman. Roll call- all ayes, motion approved.

Chairman Fahey then had the Town Accountant review the 2010 Annual report. Kevin stated that the 2010 audit had been completed and that Johnson Block is conducting an audit for 2011. The field work has been completed. He then reviewed the balance sheet and assets and liabilities of the town as well as the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.

Chair Fahey asked if there were any questions for Kevin or any details that needed clarification.

There being none Alton Sherman made a **motion to approve the 2010 Financial Report** of the town as presented. Jay Wells second the motion, roll call vote- all ayes, motion approved.

Chairman Fahey then sincerely thanked Alton Sherman and Sue Bonacker for helping the family of a recently deceased 20 year old choose a burial place in Exeter Cemetery.

Chairman Fahey then **reviewed the happenings in the town for 2010.**

Exeter Park is thriving and use continues to grow. Trees have been planted, a canoe landing is being installed, soccer nets placed, a driveway to the river installed and a Disc Golf course will be installed mid-summer.

The Recycling Center has seen the amount of large items reduced with the implementation of a large item fee for items to be deposited in the 30 yard dumpsters. Jay Wells asked about the use of a compacter. The Town had looked into it but it is not a financially smart move and the issue of safety and liability are a concern as well.

Debt on the fire truck will be paid off in 3 years and the new snowplow truck in 1 year. The Town currently has 3 trucks to plow roads with. The blizzard in February was extremely hard on the trucks entailing significant repair cost. Fortunately Green County was approved to receive assistance from FEMA for the storm and the Town will be recovering about half of the expense from the 2 day blizzard, about \$7,000.

Dane County is converting to an entirely new radio system and the Belleville Fire Department will be affected- Exeter is looking at the possibility of a \$30,000 bill from this acquisition.

The recent proposed **State budget changes** appear to cut the Town's Shared Revenue in half, cap the levy limit, and Transportation and Recycling Aid could have portions cut as well.

Building in Exeter for 2010- 1 new house and the Catholic Church was remodeled into a duplex. To date in 2011 there have not been any housing starts.

The Salt shed is complete, located at the Recycling Center. The entire project was done without the borrowing of any funds.

Census 2010 released the population figure for Exeter at 2023, an increase from the predicted 1851. This will have an impact on fees from the EMS departments.

Tax collections continue to go well with the Green County Treasurer collecting.

Chairman Fahey ended his review of the Town progress and opened the floor up to public input.

Alton Sherman raised some substantial concerns in regards to the **condition of the town roads**. He feels the roads are deteriorating far faster than the repairs the town is making to them. Although the budget does not allow an increase to the roads budget, which is the greatest portion of the town budget, he suggests the Town consider

borrowing funds to start making the kind of repairs necessary to keep the roads from getting beyond the point of repair. He noted that the subdivision roads are really getting bad

Alton made a **motion to have a referendum to borrow \$400,000 to be used for road repairs**, preferably on an annual basis. Fred Bonacker seconded the motion.

Chair Fahey asked if the electorate present wanted to authorize the board to have the referendum placed on the February 21 Spring Primary ballot rather than a special election take place in November. Stacy Heller then asked if the money borrowed would be prorated and added to the tax bill. Chair Fahey confirmed that is how it would be handled more than likely. Chair Fahey then asked for a vote of the electors present to place the referendum on the Spring Primary ballot as motioned by Alton Sherman and seconded by Fred Bonacker. A show of hands- 8 yes; 2 no; 1 abstained.

Stacy Heller then asked about revaluation taking place. Chair Fahey stated that the Assessor is wrapping things up for Open Book and Board of Review. He stated that the Assessor has been asking for any current appraisals to assist with the revaluation.

Jay Wells asked about the property referred to as the "Hideaway" and if the owner could be forced to tear it down. Chairman Fahey stated that the Town can not do anything; the electricity has been disconnected as far as being a fire hazard. The Town can not enter into telling people that they do not approve of the appearance of ones property.

With there being no more questions or business to discuss Alton Sherman made a motion to close the Annual Meeting and Jay Wells second the motion, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candee J. Christen, Clerk