

April 20, 2016

Town of Exeter Annual Meeting

Board in attendance as was Clerk Christen

General: Stacy Heller, Han Daum, Paul O'Connor, Jay Christen, Alton Sherman, Randy Montgomery

Minutes from April 2015, **MOTION (PO/JC)** all in favor, approved.

Johnson Block-Kevin Krysinski reviewed the annual report and noted the 2015 audit is near completion.

- Summary of 2015- \$2,184,131.00 is advanced tax collections. \$1,909,040.00 was tax collections for the schools, county and vocational colleges, balance are the town's portion.
- General obligation debt is \$132,586, Town's general obligation debt limit is 5% of the equalized value, and debt limit is \$9,304,470.00.
- Fund balance is \$183,866.00 as of 12/31/15
- Overall the town is in very good shape financially.

Chairman Fahey asked if there were any questions for Kevin.

Alton Sherman asked about the debt service, what is paid on the loan. Chair Fahey stated the town pays double the principal.

MOTION (AS/RM) to approve the 2015 financial report, all in favor, approved.

Chair Fahey asked if there were any other questions. There being none he moved onto review of the year:

- 7 driveway permits signed in 2016, possible 3 more.
- Cemetery lots sales of 10.

Upcoming expenses-

- Rebuild a portion of Nye Road, trip funding of \$25,000 to help pay for the expense.
- Cc to Silver Road
- Fire department is looking at a new truck, cost will be \$500,000 to \$ 750,000, and Exeter is responsible for 40% of the cost.
- EMS- again Exeter is responsible for around 40%, the EMS Association is looking at full time staff during the day time, and proposal has been made to raise the transport fees.
- \$12.00 per mile going to \$28 dollars a mile for transport.
- Paul O'Connor questioned is the EMS is asking for full time people, has there ever been any planning as a cooperative effort from area communities to share the cost and maybe combined services, consolidate for efficiency.
- Chair Fahey noted the Fire Department cannot charge for calls at this time since they did not charge in the past. EMS has always charged so can continue to charge.
- Chair Fahey noted the Fire Department is sitting ok with volunteers right now but EMS is in need of EMTs. If EMS does go to employees they will be self- supporting.

- Hank Daum was present representing the New Glarus EMS. Chair Fahey asked how the NG EMS funds itself. Mr. Daum noted volunteers get paid \$1 per hour while on call, ambulance call is \$15.

- Chair Fahey asked about the used ambulance.

- New Glarus charges us almost \$20 per person, Belleville charges about \$9.75 per person.

- Chair Fahey is on the Green County Board, he noted county wise the County is seeking to build a new human services building out at the Pleasant View Complex, will be a \$17,000,000.00 building, to replace 2 buildings. A referendum would be necessary.

- He also noted a study has been done on the jail, it does not meet any of the codes and does not pass inspections, security is lacking.

- Also noted was a potential big dairy that may be built.

- Chair Fahey noted that the Town of New Glarus's local mill rate is \$5.84 plus \$200 garbage fee; Exeter is \$2.65.

Chair Fahey asked if Paul would speak on the school project as he is on the Building Committee Paul stated that a facilities assessment was completed along with condition of buildings. Biggest issue is a 1962 boiler, \$40,000 spent in repairs and parts are almost non-existent.

- Needs assessment- what buildings need what, growth projections, younger grades are growing, K-4/5 has an average of 80 per kids per class.

The options:

- 1- To build new, \$54,000,000.000, new high school and abandoned the old elementary school.

- Tone item seems to be most favorable, abandoned the elementary school due to parking and no room to grow.

- Cost associated to new building not favored, so remodel the intermediate and the high school. Bring 6, 7 and 8th grades up to the high school, requires additions.

- Intermediate old gym to be torn down and build new class rooms and add class rooms into the old band room. Move the bus drop off and get them off the streets, completely secure building.

- That cost estimated to be \$28-35,000,000.00.

- Survey is being put together to go out to everyone in the district.

- Paul noted that \$4,000,000.00 would be for the heating/boiler replacement alone.

- Consolidation- New Glarus is not interested and Monticello has undesirable debt.

Chair Fahey opened the meeting up to the residents.

- Stacy Heller asked about if a new building would be possible in the future, asked about a good bathroom for the park, could the tax payers get an upgrade of facilities.

- Chair Fahey stated that vandalism is an issue.

- Those present discussed a new building; interest is open in a new building without the shop.

· **MOTION (AS/SH)** to set up a citizen committee and do a feasibility study for a new town hall to be built at the park, all in favor, approved. Chair Fahey asked Clerk Christen to place the item on the May agenda. Item will be discussed and how to put together a committee.

· Alton Sherman asked what the plans were for equipment replacement. Chair Fahey stated the next item for replacement will be the patrol truck, engine has 8,000 hours. The town is 3 years out on a new snowplow truck.

· Stacy Heller asked about the large dairy in Town of Sylvester and likelihood of Exeter getting a request for an operation of that size. Chair Fahey stated that Exeter is not conducive to the layout of such an operation.

Adjourn, **MOTION (RM/HD)**, all in favor, approved. Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Candee J. Christen, Clerk