

Town of Silver Cliff Annual Meeting Minutes
N11929 County Road I
Silver Cliff, WI 54104
April 19, 2022, Tuesday

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Weber at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Please sign in-This is the people's meeting: only people eligible to vote in the Town of Silver Cliff are able to vote on items. Property owners are able to speak on town items, but are not eligible to vote. 54 residents were present.

Approval of the minutes for the last Annual Town Meeting Tuesday April 20, 2021: A motion to approve the minutes was made by: Vicki Delaski, Seconded by Jim Sommers. No opposition, Motion Carried.

Chairman Bruce Weber announced a Moment of Silence to honor in memory 2 former town employees recent deaths: Carole Betts and Ron Knier.

Chairman Bruce Weber gave special thanks to Supervisor Dee Farley, Supervisor Sue Victoreen, Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster, Clerk Kristin Gagne, Deputy Clerk Dana Weber, and Road Crew for all hard work in past year.

Kerber Rose Financial Audit 2021 Findings: Jackie Nielson auditor present, no issues, no concerns, received highest rating an audit can have. Documentation was very appropriate and software program is very beneficial and time saving when doing Audit. Recommendation to reach out to more banks or have a collateral pledge with current bank to ensure funds are insured. Chairman Bruce Weber reported if anyone is interested in a copy of Kerber Rose financial audit report it is available from Town Clerk.

Town Budget Summary 2021: Chairman Bruce Weber reported approx. \$90,000.00 under budget in which we bought grader for approx. \$85,000.00. GTA down \$18,000.00, lost supplemental aid. Were a little over on Insurance due to new town shop building, Garbage and recycling were higher costs. Road Maintenance a little over due to many equipment repairs. No questions on Budget.

Authorization to work from home: Motion by Al Welsh, Seconded by Marcy Forman. Motion Carried.

Authorization to retain Laona State Bank as Depository: Motion by Joanne Sisler, Seconded by Darryl Victoreen. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Al Welsh reported last year was quiet only had few fires. No one currently in any classes, would like to get some more new people involved. Would like to add Dry Hydrant to east of town. Recently purchased some new fire protection gear. Grant coming up in new year.

Jim Sommers asked about adding fire station on other side of town? Due to ISO rating we are 9 and it would help to lower it and allow faster response to people on other side of town. Al Welsh would love to see it but would need funding for building.

Road Projects Report: Chairman Bruce Weber commented on 2021 Road Rating Report. \$1.5 million to get the asphalt roads back to good condition. Cost Approx \$240,000.00 a mile to asphalt a road. Town was just awarded TRI-d grant 50/50 project mill overlay Old J. Approx Hemlock Shores to Limberg Lane

\$75,000.00 grant money to go towards it. Focus on Old J section this year and next year we will receive \$26,000.00 in LRIP.

Mark Delaski-asked meaning of resurface? Chairman Bruce Weber, Chip seal-double chip seal, depending on base of road what can be done.

Constable Position Abolish or Retain? Noted Currently have Code Enforcement Officer term expires April 2023 election. Binding Vote, Paper vote taken: To Retain Both Positions: Constable Position and Code Enforcement Officer Position. Motioned by Mike Stirk, Seconded by Joanne Sisler. A vote was taken 32 Yes and 22 No.

Land Use Study and Next Steps: Chairman Bruce Weber reported Town had forestry plan-70 page document that is available for anyone interested to email: clerk@silvercliffwi.com. 2024 first scheduled timber cut is located by town shop, town hall area. He did check with WTA=Town board is able to authorize decision to harvest timber=authorization for first scheduled timber cut was made April 12, 2022 at Regular Town Board Meeting.

Advisory vote only, paper vote: How do you want the money received from Timber Harvest allocated? 32 Yes to keep in separate account only to be used on forestry lands. 22 No= General fund to be used on anything.

Opening of all Town Roads to Atv's/Utv's: Advisory Vote only-paper vote. Chairman Bruce Weber reported Atv/Utv ordinance would still apply which addresses Not open are private roads, unless up to private roads and Dead end roads which are Not Open other than Route to trail access only. Marcy Forman Asked does County Roads Apply? Chairman Bruce Weber-County Roads does not apply-has to be requested separately and up to County. Voted: 28 Yes to Town to open all town roads to Atv's/Utv's exceptions to private roads and dead end roads. 26 No Not to open all town roads to Atv's/Utv's.

Allocation of funding for Rescue Squad Lodging & Rescue Squad Contingency Plans: Chairman Bruce Weber proposing if town would give Town Board grant of authority and up to dollar amount for rescue squad lodging? Joanne Sisler-We didn't ask town to pay for it, just for town to investigate it. Authorization to give town grant authority to investigate into housing options for out of town EMT-Rescue Squad. Motioned by Steve Phenicie, seconded by Al Walesh. Hand Voted. 52 Yes 2 No. Motion Carried.

Charging for Garbage Pickup Annual Fee: No vote made=Supervisors will have to think about information to come up with a plan.

Authorization to pursue purchase of Gillis property: Binding Vote. Do not Authorize grant of town to pursue Gillis property Motioned by Riana Ventura Bishop, seconded by Chadwick Spaulding. Paper Voted, 8 Yes vote is to grant authorization to pursue purchase of Gillis property. 46 No Do not authorize.

Salaries for next term of office (only done in even years for the following election terms and needs to be voted by townsperson not the Board). All were paper voted.

Chairman=Increase salary by 3% Motioned by Mary Deprey, Seconded by Vicki Farrell. 39 Yes, 14 No. Motion carried.

Supervisors=Increase salary by 3% Motioned by Vicki Delaski, Seconded by Mike Cios, 46 Yes, 7 No.
Motion Carried.

Clerk= Increase salary by \$5,000.00 Motioned by Mark Delaski, Seconded by Jim Sommers,38 Yes, 15 No.
Motion Carried.

Treasurer=Increase salary by 3% Motioned by Brett Reed, Seconded by Vicki Farrell. 53 Yes, 0 No.
Motion Carried.

Constable=Leave salary as is, no change. Motioned by Jeff DeBauche, Seconded by Mike Cios. 50 Yes, 3
No. Motion Carried.

Mary Deprey advise for Fire Chief to get increase in wage-is not elected position, wage is set by town
board. Chairman Bruce Weber will put on May Town Board Regular Meeting Agenda. Al Walesh said he
does it because he loves it, he feels assistant fire chief should get some sort of salary. Chairman Bruce
Weber noted Deputy Clerk is not elected position, wage is set also by town board.

Joanne Sisler does not think its right to charge a resident for use of town hall for a funeral. Chairman
Bruce Weber noted it's up to town board to make decision. Town Hall usage need to consider amount it
costs to clean and supplies-Talk to supervisors.

Ann Wender would like to see town support towards the Silver Cliff Newsletter-cost of everything is
going up. Printer is 7 years old and is getting worn. Don't know how long they are going to be able to
afford it. Town puts over 3 pages in meeting minutes, would like town to look into it. Lynn Reed If
condense meeting minutes in newsletter to shorten to online version. Chairman Bruce Weber
mentioned option to use town copier/printer to print-copy newsletter at town hall. Ann Wender gave
Chairman Bruce Weber verbal estimates of some costs associated with printing the Silver Cliff
Newsletter.

Mike Stirk-We need to embrace weekenders in order to grow, have a dialog with them.

Motion to adjourn the meeting to following year determined by the people to be held on the 3rd
Tuesday of April or another day authorized by the people. A motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. until the 3rd
Tuesday in April 2023 (April 18th 2023 6:00 p.m..) was made by Al Walesh, seconded by Steve Phenicie.

Kristin Gagne
Town Clerk
Town of Silver Cliff

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