

Town of Apple River

Annual Meeting

Town Hall

April 16, 2020 7 PM

The 2020 Town of Apple River Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Scoglio at 7 pm. Members present were Chair Scoglio; Supervisor Bryan; Supervisor Johnson; Treasurer Carlson; Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser and Betty Bergstedt. Clerk Agne was not present.

Chairman Scoglio noted that this is a non-agenda meeting. Chair noted that the meeting was properly posted and this was confirmed.

The financials of the Town have been dramatically hampered by the 2019 Storm damage costs. Last year anticipated road work was not able to be accomplished due to the focus on storm damage clean up and recovery, many of the roads are in need of attention. The impact on the town's roads in particular in the White Ash Lake area is severe due to heavy equipment. The 2020 Supervisor's Annual Road Tour is scheduled for May 4th to determine the condition of our roads. We will be adding roads to last year's list that need attention. Historic low interest rates and asphalt prices may allow for some additional repair to be completed.

No one from the Fire Department was in attendance to report on activities of the past year. The Department is hopeful that the Town of Georgetown will contract with Apple River for fire protection allowing the expansion of the workload and provide funds for additional equipment. The Chair noted that the Department has the best response numbers of any department in the area, an average of 20 crew members per call.

Chairman Arduser reported that the Planning Commission reviewed reduced setbacks, CSMs and an ordinance regulating cemeteries in the town.

In 2019 we attempted to augment the Fire Department funding but experienced some difficulties due to the lack of knowledge whether the Department is incorporated. Additional research is needed. We will be using the lasted Assessor's records to filter the data and get improved parcel information. We are about six months out from getting this all accomplished.

No further information Chair Scoglio opened the floor to questions. Betty Bergstedt inquired about the timeline for the new bridge construction for 165th Avenue. Chair replied it was originally scheduled for 2020 but pushed back to 2021 but exact dates are to be determined. The design is not complete but will be similar to existing bridge only wider with concrete sides in lieu of the metal railings.

Chair Scoglio noted the need to review the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes, if any corrections or additions needed. Hearing none, he entertained a motion for approval. Supervisor Johnson made motion to approve, motion seconded by Treasurer Carlson. All in favor say aye. Motion carried.

Having no other business, Chair Scoglio entertained a motion to adjourn. Steve Arduser moved, motion seconded by Betty Bergstedt. All in favor say aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by JoAnn Agne, Clerk

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