

Town of Sullivan
Annual Town Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Town Chairperson Scott Buth.

Roll Call: There were 7 electors present including: Shirley Boos, Dawn Bauer, Wade Wilson, Barry Boos, Ruth Fraley, Paul Goeglein, and Scott Buth.

Verification of Proper Notice: The meeting notice/agenda was published on the Town Website by Clerk, Dawn Bauer, on the Facebook page, on the boards around Town, and at the Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes: Paul Goeglien made a motion to approve 2020 Annual Meeting minutes. Barry Boos 2nd. *Motion carried 7-0*

Meeting Purpose: The Chair stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the town electors to attend to discuss town matters. The Chairperson shall be Town Chair and the Secretary shall be Town Clerk. The meeting must be held the 3rd Tuesday of April unless otherwise noted properly. There is no quorum required and any motions are passed by the majority vote of the attendees.

Financial Report: Johnson Block prepared a financial report for 2020 and copies were handed out to the Town Electors to review. Chairman Buth explained that page 4 includes a balance sheet which is a snapshot in time, which was December 31, 2021. It shows our revenues and expenditures for the year. There was a little bit spent over our budget, and that was due mostly to COVID. We sold \$130,622 worth of town assets/equipment last year. The following pages have the breakdowns of the revenues and expenditures. There is a Fund Balance history sheet that Chairman/Elector Scott Buth presented to the residents. It goes back to 2015. The purpose of a Fund Balance for a Town is so that we can pay our bills, and don't have to go out and borrow money. Also, it is used in an emergency. When the budget was done in November, it was decided to add \$40,000 to that Fund Balance for the shop addition, another \$40,000 for Fire Department radios, and \$6,000 to be used to trim things at the Cemeteries. If the electors decide to amend the budget formerly approved, and put the whole \$71,000 towards the radios rather than the \$40,000 this would mean we wouldn't have to borrow money.

Ruth Fraley made a motion to approve an amended budget as presented to increase the Fund Balance to include the entire \$71,000 that is needed for the Fire Department radios. Barry Boos 2nd. *Motion carried 7-0.*

Rome Fire District Report: Chairman/Elector Scott Buth stated that the Fire Department decided that they could use less radios than originally thought. They are getting a discount since it was bid with other Municipalities. They are looking to spend around \$88,000 with the Town's portion being 80% and Hebron's portion being 20%. We would need about \$71,000 total for our portion of the radios. Wade Wilson stated there were 66 calls that Rome Fire responded to in 2020. They purchased a battery-powered hydraulic ram, cutter and spreader using Fundraising money. There are 26 active firefighters on the Department. There is a certified ice rescue trainer, and 16 firefighters are going through their ice rescue training. Due to COVID, they could not send the 4 firefighters for jaws training, but it has been rescheduled for 2021. There are several training opportunities each month. The Pancake fundraiser will be June 27th of this year. The rating for the District for Insurance is a 7. Chief Goeglein said in order to get down to a 6 there is a lot of extra paperwork that needs to be done and it is hard to qualify.

Western Lakes Fire District Report (EMS): Chief Brad Bowen was present to give his report. He handed the board a packet that has the overview of EMS and Fire Services for the surrounding communities. Brad stated that for Insurance purposes, they are going through their re-evaluation and it's difficult to do. He stated that they have added Okauchee and Stone Bank to their service area. Brad said that they responded to 5,688 calls last year. COVID affected them from March-June with people being afraid of calling 911 or going to the hospital. Then in the Fall, their call volume went up by about 25%. The Federal Government provided Routes to Recovery Funds through the State and local governments which the Town was able to give to the EMS to help them not have to borrow money and keep a balanced budget overall. Brad stated that they bought some vehicle lifts, and have hired a person trained in vehicle repairs. They are now doing a lot of their own vehicle repairs.

Sanitary District Report: Operator-In-Charge, Nate Tillis was present to give a report on behalf of the Sanitary District. There was an increase in flow and solids (including shirts, and rags and towels), that were flushed and that the plant had to process due to a lot more people being home more during COVID. The CMAR reports that they have to report to the DNR annually came back as 3.84 GPA. The Sanitary District took 2 members, along with 2 members of the Village and a member-at-large and formed the Sullivan Joint Wastewater Commission. This Commission will be in charge of the new treatment plant and the new pipeline between the Village and the Town. He explained that the plant upgrade will start throughout the summer and continue for about 12-18 months and hopefully be able to take the sewage from the Village by mid to late 2022. They did apply for, and receive a Grant from USDA through Rural Development in the amount of \$2,472,000.00. Nate passed out a 2021 budget for the Board to look at. Chairman/Elector Scott Buth mentioned that last years' Financial Report had a substantial loss due to the Engineering and Consulting Costs. He explained that at a previous meeting, he heard them discuss getting an "Interim Loan" so that the District can start to pay for some of those costs before the Grant money comes in. The other project that our Sanitary District is working on is jetting and televising our lines to check for needed repairs.

Hearing from Citizens: None

Adjournment: Paul Goegelein made a motion with Barry Boos 2nd to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Bauer, Clerk