

**Town of Sullivan**  
**Annual Town Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2023 6:30pm**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Town Chairperson Barry Boos at 6:30pm.

**Roll Call:** There were 8 electors present including: Dawn Bauer, Wade Wilson, Denny Stair, Kent Hoffman, Micah Wood, Barry Boos, Paul Goeglein, and John Kannard.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Denny Stair made a motion to approve 2022 Annual Meeting minutes. John Kannard 2<sup>nd</sup>. *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2021 and copies were handed out to the Town Electors to review. Chairman Boos stated that the report was discussed at the last Town Board meeting, and asked if anyone had any questions. He explained to everyone that the Town has Village Powers which allows them to obtain greater planning, and regulatory authority. This allows them to develop a Planning Committee, and enact subdivision and land division ordinances, zoning ordinances, and a site plan review ordinance.

**Rome Fire District Report:** Elector Wade Wilson from the Fire District stated that the Rome Fire Department had 75 calls that they responded to in 2021. 39 were Rome Fire in the towns of Sullivan, Hebron, and Jefferson area, 19 were with Sullivan as Mutual Aid and 17 were MABIS calls. Of the 75 calls, 19 were motor vehicle accidents, 15 structure fires, 11 grass fires, 5 gas leaks, 2 EMS calls, 4 transformer/power poll fires, 2 vehicle fires, 7 lift assists, 1 chimney fire, and 1 storm damage/tornado damage. There were 6 smoke alarm calls, 1 carbon monoxide call, and 1 false alarm. The District has one agreement with the Town of Jefferson for Section 13. In 2021 they purchased an ice-water rescue raft, with 50% of the funds being donated by the Jordan Vogel Foundation. They got 24 new hand-held radios, along with mobile radios for each apparatus they have. They got a hose dryer, a new turnout gear dryer, and a new TV for audio/visual training videos. There are currently 29 active firefighters, with 1 being a certified ice-rescue trainer, and 18 ice-rescue technicians. They have more firefighters that will be getting more training on different things as it comes available. The district has a insurance rating of 7.

**Western Lakes Fire District Report (EMS):** Chief Brad Bowen was not present to give a report.

**Sanitary District Report:** Operator-In-Charge, Nate Tillis was present to give a report on behalf of the Sanitary District. He stated that the annual report for the DNR was submitted and graded us at 3.19 GPA. The areas that were low were suspended solids, and phosphorus removal. Both of these issues will be addressed by the new treatment plant. He was able to develop their first itemized detailed budget. They appropriated \$245,000 and spent just over \$258,000. Revenues projected were \$375,000 and they brought in \$373,000. Looking forward to 2022 and 2023 the budget will include the debt service for the payment of the construction of the treatment plant. They were able to clean/jet and televise 6,500 feet of sewer. For the new construction project, the pipeline between the Village and the Town is complete, and all the concrete is poured for the new structures. They are currently working on the mechanical install of equipment which will finish in July.

**Hearing from Citizens:**

Dawn Bauer from the Helenville ATV Club brought up that all of the County Roads are open now for ATV's unless marked, and clubs will be taking down the ATV speed limit signs which will allow the ATV's to go the same speed as the traffic on the roads. Going slower than the traffic would be more hazardous than if everyone was going the same speed.

Barry Boos brought up questions about the Western Lakes EMS and their financial situation. He is speaking as a concerned citizens and wanted to bring it up tonight. Elector, Wade Wilson said their budget went from 6 million, to 12 million. Elector Audrey Werning asked if there have been any complaints about their service. Elector Paul Goeglein said that our contract says the station in Sullivan is supposed to be manned 24/7 and sometimes when everyone has to go to training, no one is there. He also said he heard that a few local calls took longer than normal to respond because the ambulance wasn't there.

Audrey Werning asked about the Capital Outlays from the budget. Chairman Boos explained that we had to buy a new truck, and also pay for the new radios for the Fire Department.

**Adjournment:** Paul Goeglein made a motion with John Kannard 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED 8-0.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Bauer, Clerk