

MINUTES  
04/19/2016  
Annual Meeting  
Town Hall – Swiss Miss Center 1101 Hwy 69 New Glarus @ 6:30 pm

ATTENDING: Board Members: Chris Narveson, Dean Streiff, Susan Crum, Robert Elkins, Jim Hoesly, Pattie Salter and Maegan Roesslein

ALSO ATTENDING: Tara Bast (Town Accountant), Kris Mueller, Gof Thomson, Madelin Gotkowitz, Frank and Carol Mixdorf, Karen Talarczyk, Mona Sue French, Mark Miller, Robert Ready, John Freitag, Duane and Janet Sherven, Harry Pullium, Kim Tschudy, Judith Blank, Patrick Slattery, and Dale Hustad

CALL TO ORDER: C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. – Swiss Miss Center

Proof of Posting: Proper proof of notice was duly noted

- 1) Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting: – Presented for informational purposes. Minutes were approved at the May 12, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting.
- 2) Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting Presented for Review Only: Minutes were included in packets.
- 3) Financial Report Presentation: - Tara Bast presented the board with the 2015 Financial Report. Judith Blank moved to file the annual report with the Clerk’s Office, K. Talarczyk 2<sup>nd</sup>. No further discussion, Motion Carried unanimously.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a. EMS Update: K. Mueller introduced herself as the New Glarus EMS Chief. She presented the Board and residents with a year in review for 2015. The EMS is looking to build a new station within the next 3-5 years. They plan to hold their budget meeting with local municipalities in August.
  - b. New Glarus Fire District: K. Talarczyk and C. Narveson reported that the Fire District is looking to build onto the existing station house. The total cost of the project would be over \$300,000 of which the firemen have successfully raised all but approximately \$100,000. The Town’s portion would be approximately \$33,000 for the construction to be paid over 2017-2018 and a new Truck would be purchased in 2019.
  - c. Pioneer Road Project: C. Narveson discussed the Pioneer Road Project and outlined the plans for construction. Residents reported having difficulty accessing their homes, not getting timely mail due to road closures and sub-contractors being impolite with residents. Mona Sue French commented that she was impressed with how quick the tree and brush clean-up was going. Janet Sherven asked for a summary of what the road construction entailed. C. Narveson explained the work and offered a Pioneer Road Construction Timeline handout.
  - d. New Office:
    - i. Consider Anderson Construction Bill – R. Elkins moved to pay Anderson Construction bill as submitted, J. Hoesly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 5) New Business:
  - a. Swear in Board Members: P. Salter swore in Jim Hoesly and Robert Elkins for 2 year terms. She also introduced, Maegan Roesslein as our new Deputy-Clerk/Plan Administrator and swore her in.
  - b. Growth Plan Direction:
    - i. Madeline Gotkowitz, Hydrogeologist, Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey, UW Extension: P. Salter introduced Madeline. C. Narveson noted that Madeline would also tie the study back into the CAFO Moratorium.

Madeline outlined her work through the Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey and how she works through the UW Extension. She explained that Green County water study would be done by the County GIS database with precision. They would make better bedrock to depth map that is good to 170 feet. The study would be done at an intermediary level. Bayfield County used their study to increase their water quality standards for developments. When asked what happened

with the water study vote at the County level, Madeline explained that the Green County Board needed a 2/3 vote of the entire board to pass the resolution and there were several board members absent. The cost would have been \$105,500 paid over 3 years. Madeline also explained that she is able to attend meetings throughout South Central Wisconsin at no cost to the municipality because her time is already paid for out of GPR. Madeline recommends that if a study is done, it should be done through the County. She explained that 16% of over 2000 wells are contaminated. Her agency would have included a more accurate groundwater susceptibility map as part of the study. Madeline will email a copy of the Green County Water Study Proposal.

- ii. Consider Water Study Resolution: C. Narveson introduced the Water Study Resolution. After a brief discussion, J. Blank moved to amend the resolution to delete Constitutional, Carol Mixdorf 2<sup>nd</sup>. D. Streiff suggested removing the entire 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. Motion to remove the entire 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph carried with a vote of 17 in favor and nobody opposed. J. Blank moved to adopt the resolution as amended, H. Pulliam 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried with a vote of 16 in favor and 2 opposed.
- iii. Consider CAFO Moratorium: C. Narveson explained that the purpose of tonight's discussion for a CAFO Moratorium was to open up the topic for a general discussion in hopes of determining how our residents feel about the effects of both CAFO's and Large Developments. C. Narveson explained that he would like to see these larger businesses have a Developers agreement to protect our natural resource and vulnerable areas. Gof would like to see the Moratorium be effective for 1 year in order to see what the geological study implications might be. K. Talarczyk 2<sup>nd</sup>. D. Sherven noted that the ETZ already has restrictions on animal units. D. Sherven asked who is enforcing the animal units. J. Hoesly suggested this was a good area to check with our attorney. J. Freitag and D. Sherven both stated that the number of animal units should be raised to 1000 animal units to accommodate young stock, etc. C. Narveson agreed that agriculture needs to be included in this discussion. Harry Pulliam suggested setting up farmer advisory boards. J. Freitag moved to amend the motion, J. Blank 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried with a vote of 16 in favor and 0 opposed.
- iv. Consider Referendum Supporting Constitutional Amendment Corporations are Not People and Money is Not Speech: P. Salter noted that the Town Board had voted to support the amendment and agreed to add a referendum question to the November Election.
- v. Discuss Fiber Optic Conduit Placement: C. Narveson reported that a utility committee has been developed to try to bring high speed internet to the Town.
- vi. Natural Gas: Letters were sent out to the subdivisions.
- c. Consider Road Discontinued: The Town is looking at discontinuing single access road that pose a safety concern.
- d. Discuss new Brush and Tree Policy: C. Narveson introduced our new brush and tree policy.
- 6) Public Comments: Duane Sherven explained that as a farmer he has a hard time making meetings that are scheduled earlier than 7 p.m. Sherven made a motion that all public hearings, public meetings, Town Board, Parks, Plan Commission, or any other meeting that is open to the public begin no earlier than 7 p.m. C. Narveson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 7) Adjourn: R. Elkins moved to adjourn @ 9:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Blank. Motion carried.