

**Town of East Troy 2020 Annual Meeting
East Troy Area Emergency Services Building at
N8406 County Road ES
East Troy WI 53120**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Klarkowski called the meeting to order at 7:26 P.M. In attendance were Supervisors Montez and Church, Atty. Mills, Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan, and resident Terry Dignan acting as Parliamentarian. Also in attendance were approximately 250 residents/guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan confirmed that the agenda posting was in compliance.

Resident Terry Dignan, Thiede Road, moved to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Resident John Murphy, St. Peters Road, seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan presented information on the 2019 Audit. Resident John Murphy, St. Peters Road, moved to approve the 2019 Audit. Resident Don Franzene, South Shore Drive, seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan stated that the 2021 Annual Meeting should be held on April 20, 2021, which is the third Tuesday in April 2021. She also suggested that the meeting be held at 6:30 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M. Town Board Supervisor Church moved to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting on April 20, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Resident Bob Zelenski, Honey Creek Road, seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Any Other Business the Town Meeting has jurisdiction over per §60.11(6).

Discussion took place regarding increasing elected official's salaries for next term. John Becker, Pastime Lane, originally proposed the increase to recognize all the hard work that the current Town Board has done. He now feels with COVID19 and current economic conditions that an increase at this time would be inappropriate. He was going to propose an increase of \$1000 for Judge and Chairperson and \$1500 for Supervisors. Discussion took place for and against increasing the salaries for all Town elected positions. Janet Becker, New Deal Avenue, moved to increase the elected official's salaries to \$9000 for Chairperson, \$7500 for Municipal Judge and \$7000 for Town Supervisors for the next term starting April 2021. Geri Gordon, Miller Road, seconded. A voice vote was taken but was not definitive. A paper ballot vote was then taken with: 145 Yes votes, 86 No Votes and 1 Abstain vote. The motion passed and elected official salaries will be increased in April 2021.

Discussion took place about granting authority to the Town Board to build a new Town Hall/Police Department per WI § 60.10(2)(f). Bob Mueller, Humphrey Lane, moved to grant authority to the Town Board to build a new Town Hall and Police Department. John Murphy, St. Peter's Road, seconded the motion. Discussion took place on both sides of the issue both for and against granting authority to the Town Board to go forward with the process. A paper ballot vote was taken: 85 Yes votes and 143 No votes. The motion failed and there will be no further action by the Town Board to go forward with a new building for the Town Hall and Police Department.

Any Other Business which falls under the jurisdiction of the town Electors.

Ann Zess, Weber Road, moved to increase the size of the Town Board from three to five members. Steve Reisinger, Beulah Lane Road, seconded the motion. Discussion took place from those for and against the proposal. Bob Mueller, Humphrey Lane and former Town Board Supervisor and Chairman, reiterated that Town government is the most democratic form of government and that residents can come before the Board at any time regarding any subject during the public comments portion of any regular meeting. Residents also have direct input at the Annual Meeting and at the Public Budget Hearing held each year. A paper ballot vote was taken: 119 Yes votes and 84 No Votes. The motion passed and the Town Board will increase to five members in April 2021.

Bob Zelenski, Honey Creek Road, moved to adjourn the 2020 Annual Meeting at 9:40 P.M. Geri Gordon, Miller Road, seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.