

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**

**June 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Jim Byrnes Memorial Park Pavilion  
N9330 Stewart School Rd  
East Troy WI 53120**

Chairman Klarkowski called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M. In attendance were Supervisors Montez and Church, Atty. Gabrielle Boehm, Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan, Chief Jensen and Lt. Jagielski. Also in attendance were 98 residents and/or guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan stated that the meeting was posted in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Resident Dave Bitter, East Shore Road, stated that the items on the agenda would also be discussed at the Annual Meeting being held on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Bitter moved to recess this meeting to the Annual Meeting on July 14, 2020. Resident Bob Mueller, Humphrey Lane, seconded the motion. Atty. Boehm stated that this was a permissible action because the motion was to a time and date certain. A paper ballot vote was taken: Yes: 38 votes and No: 53 votes. The motion failed and the meeting continued.

Resident Ted Zess, Weber Road, moved to rescind any previous town electorate approval granted under WI State Statute 60.10(2)(f) directives or grants of authority to the Town Board to construct buildings. Resident Steve Reisinger, Beulah Lane, seconded the motion. Discussion followed with viewpoints and opinions from both sides of the issue. A paper ballot vote was taken: Yes: 50 votes and No: 40 votes. The motion passed to rescind the approval for the Town Board to construct a building.

Resident Steve Reisinger, Beulah Lane, moved to grant authority to the Town Board to build a new building under WI State Statute 60.10(2). Resident John Jacoby, Leasure Way, seconded the motion. A paper ballot vote was taken: Yes: 41 votes and No: 48 votes. Motion failed to grant authority to the Town Board to build a new building for the Town Hall and Police Department.

Resident Kristine Buccanero, Miramar Road, moved to direct the Town Board to increase the membership of the Town Board to five (5) members under WI State Statutes 60.21(2). Resident John Stoss, Stringers Bridge Road, seconded the motion. Atty. Boehm stated that this does not create a vacancy on the Town Board and that the membership would not increase until April 2021. Terms would then be staggered by ordinance. In April 2021, the top two candidates would get a two year term while the next two lower candidates would get one year terms and would be up for re-election in April of 2022. Resident Terry Dignan, Thiede Road, moved to amend the motion that the seats be numbered, if the five person board would be approved. Resident Dave Bitter, East Shore Road, seconded the motion. Discussion followed on the positive and negative

consequences of numbered seats. Parliamentary procedure requires that the amendment be voted on before the original motion may be voted on. A paper ballot vote was taken: Yes 18 votes and No: 65 votes. The amendment failed to number the seats of the Town Board. A paper ballot vote was taken on the original motion to increase the size of the Town Board to five members. Yes: 42 votes and No: 43 votes. The motion failed to increase the Town Board to a five member board.

The last item noticed was to rescind any previous town electorate salary increases to town supervisors as well as any authority granted to the Town Board under WI State Statute 60.10(2)(k) if any actions have been taken at any previous special town meeting to authorize the foregoing actions and to establish the salaries for the town supervisors going forward. The Town Board Chairperson's salary has not been increased in 20 years. The Town Board Supervisors have not received a salary increase in 23 years. Resident John Jacoby, Leasure Way, moved to establish or maintain the salaries at \$8000 and \$5,500 respectively. Resident Ron Wales, Miramar Road, seconded the motion. Resident John Becker, Pastime Lane, who originally proposed a board salary increase, questioned why a vote was being taken at all. The salaries had been previously established by resolution at Annual Meetings in 1997 and 2000. A paper ballot vote was taken to establish/maintain the Town Board salaries as is: Yes 50 votes and No: 12 votes

Resident John Church, Beach Road, moved to adjourn at approximately 8:50 P.M. Resident Don Buchanan, Swoboda Road, seconded the motion. Motion passed by verbal consent.