

**Town of East Troy 2022 Annual Meeting
East Troy Area Emergency Services Building at
N8406 County Road ES
East Troy WI 53120**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Chairman Klarkowski called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. Supervisors Church, Reyes, Wales and Wucherer were in attendance. Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Loth and Attorney Mills were also in attendance. Also in attendance were approximately 82 residents/guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan swore in Supervisors Wales and Wucherer. Brief Statement by former Supervisor Kesselhon congratulating Supervisor Wucherer and well wishes to the other board members moving forward.

Motion by resident Terry Dignan, Thiede Road, seconded by resident Ben Smith, Spleas Skoney Road, to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Buchanan presented information on the 2021 Audit and announced that the full audit is available on the Towns' website. In 2021, there was an increase in the fund balance due to the receipt of a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Town debt is just over \$2,000,000 and we have a borrowing capacity of approximately \$46,000,000.

Discussion took place regarding setting the 2023 Annual Meeting date and location.

Motion by resident Ted Zess, Weber Lane, seconded by resident John Stoss, Stringers Bridge Road, to hold the 2023 Annual Meeting on April 18, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at the East Troy Area Emergency Services building. Motion passed by show of hands, 50 aye, 10 nay.

ATV/UTV use on Town Roads – Draft ordinance discussion. Chairman Klarkowski provided a brief background on the topic and why it was being presented to the residents for a decision. During the discussion, there were concerns expressed about the safety on some roads and enforcement of regulations. There was a clarification about the use on private roads and it was noted that they will not be included in the ordinance. Many residents also expressed their support of an ordinance. A clarification was made that the vehicles have to have working headlights and tail lights and are limited to 45 miles per hour. Chairman Klarkowski asked for an advisory vote as to whether or not the town should open up the town roads to ATV/UTV use. A paper ballot vote was then taken: 42 Yes votes, 32 No votes, 1 Abstain. Motion passed.

Communication Committee Update – Supervisor Reyes

A committee has been formed and they hold meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The work is beginning for updates to the website, moving forward with determining the best practice for streaming Town Board meetings and related equipment as well as creating a newsletter.

Tri-Troy Joint Library Update – Chairman Klarkowski

The East Troy Lions Public Library has been in existence for 105 years. The goal of the joint venture is to get the funding back to the local library versus to all the libraries in the system. Last year the town paid \$162,000 to the county in taxes for library services and received \$92,000 back to the East Troy Lions Public Library. More information will continue to be provided during monthly town meetings as it becomes available.

ETAESD Update – Supervisor Church

The District now has its first full time Chief. Chief Joe DeGaro was hired in October 2021. The District currently has 6 full time emergency medical personnel who staff the ambulance 24 hours a day with two people at a time. The department currently has 38 active members ranging from advanced EMT's to dually certified firefighter/EMTs. The number of calls that the District responds to continues to rise each year. In mid-March, the District took possession of a new pumper tender. This vehicle holds 2500 gallons of water. However, the truck is not in service yet as there are supply chain issues affecting final equipment being put in place.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Update – Chairman Klarkowski

The town has received funds from the United States Government and the funds were initially designated for COVID impacts to municipalities. However, as COVID has lingered on for so long, the restrictions have been loosened to encompass a wide variety of impacts that municipalities are facing. They cannot be used for tax cuts, pension funds, debt service or replenishing reserves and should not be spent on operations as the funding will not be available in the future. The town is currently utilizing some of the funds to remodel the bathrooms to create ADA compliant bathrooms with elevated hygiene utilizing touchless fixtures and more. The town is in the process of upgrading the HVAC systems in the Town Hall to filter out more pathogens and make the system more efficient. Other items up for consideration/review include all staff COVID19 requital (Walworth County provided staff that had to remain on the job, a \$1/hour "hazard" pay), remote access to meetings, Beach Road repairs, and more; a spreadsheet was provided to attendees. Our total allocation of funds is \$424,211 that we will be receiving.

Booth Lake Memorial Park Centennial Celebration – Supervisor Wales

This will be the taking place August 5 and 6, 2022. There will kid's games, live music, food trucks, climbing wall, National Guard speakers, and so much more. They really want to promote the event and have it be a big family event. The local VFW has donated funds for a new Pavilion with all three municipalities donating services and manpower to get this done.

Town Hall Campus Improvements – Chairman Klarkowski

Spreadsheet presented to the attendees – items included are:

- ADA compliance for the courtroom – no longer a need as it has been ruled that with the judge and attorney making accommodations for defendants in the meeting room, which is ADA compliant, that we do not have to do anything with the courtroom.
- AV in courtroom – in process
- Salt shed roof - complete
- Conversion of cold to warm storage for the DPW – ongoing discussion
- Bathroom remodel to ADA compliance - complete
- New well due to failed casing - complete
- Water softener to preserve the integrity of fixtures and other work done - complete
- HVAC upgrades - in process
- Basement wall repairs - complete
- Asbestos remediation - complete
- Mold remediation – complete
- Security and safety - complete
- Carpet in the meeting room, hallway, and administrative offices – complete
- Duct cleaning – complete
- Office organization – complete
- Outside lighting – complete
- Deputy Clerk/admin office – in process

Authorize Town Board to construct a Police garage

As a continuation of the Town Hall Campus Improvement conversation above, with specific regard to the cold to warm storage for the DPW, there is a discussion about the construction of a Police Garage to solve space issues in the Town Hall as well as in the DPW building. There would be more secure room for the building inspector, the court clerk would move from the Judge's Chamber to her own office, there would be increased office space and squad room space for the police department, the evidence room would be upgraded, DPW would have increased warm storage. Every department would benefit and operation efficiency increased. The very preliminary sketches/estimates indicate that the new police garage could be done for \$182,000. There was open discussion. Motion by resident Clayton Montez, Wilmers Point Lane, seconded by resident Joann Seeger, Beulah Heights Road, authorizing the Town Board to construct a Police Garage for an amount not to exceed \$200,000. A paper ballot vote was then taken with: 57 Yes votes, 17 No votes. Motion passed.

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

John Finney, East Shore Road, seconded by Carla Giorgi, Stringers Bridge Road, made an advisory motion to form a Citizen/Police Consolidation Review Panel. A paper ballot vote was then taken: 34 Yes votes, 38 No votes. Motion failed.

John Stoss, Stringers Bridge Road, made an advisory motion, seconded by Carla Giorgi, Stringers Bridge Road, to expand Public Comments from three minutes to five minutes at Regular Town Board Meetings. A paper ballot vote was then taken: 22 Yes votes, 42 No votes. Motion failed.

Motion by Pat Hudec, Townline Road, seconded by Ben Smith, Spleas Skoney Road, to adjourn the 2022 Annual Meeting at 9:07 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.