

TOWN of ROCK Annual Meeting

**APRIL 16, 2013
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved.

The meeting was **called to order** by Cole Pankratz, Chairman.

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** was recited.

The **Minutes** of the 2012 Annual Meeting were read. Chris Reigel moved to approve the Minutes as read; Mike Klein seconded the motion; motion carried.

Cole Pankratz did a brief introduction of new and existing board members and elected officials present.

The **Annual Report** was presented. Comments and questions from the audience were taken. Chris Reigel moved to accept the published annual report; Roger Hansen seconded the motion; motion carried.

Hailey Bruhn did a presentation on the **Town of Rock Website**. She, along with Greg Mueller, has been working on a new website layout – which will hopefully be made available around June. The website will have a new look & feel, with easier navigation and more current and up-to-date information available. She was able to use a free software package, so there is no additional cost above what is paid now (\$9.95/month to TDS) – just a bit extra for her time. Chris Reigel brought up the possibility of adding the web address to the Town of Rock official letterhead – it can be done on the next order.

Cole Pankratz presented the **5-year road plan**. The road tour will take place at 5:00 p.m. on the evening of the next town board meeting on May 9, 2013. The road plan is subject to change depending on road conditions and economic factors. He explained that in 2012, there were not a lot of funds available to do much – a section of Patton Drive was done, along with some work on Bluff Drive. There was much discussion and concern about Robin Road being blacktopped and what the criteria for that would be. Ron Post suggested the possibility of doing a traffic measure. The criteria for any road are up to the Town Board and will be discussed at an open meeting at the Town Hall – as “New Business” at the meeting after the road tour.

The next item of discussion was **snow plowing**. Cole Pankratz encouraged the town to hire someone besides Pankratz Trucking; however, Chris Reigel was pleased with the job Pankratz Trucking did and would like the board to hire them again. There have been no other bids besides other townships, and Town of Rock would be second priority behind those. It currently takes about 8-12 hours to plow the entire township. Chris Reigel presented some numbers that Elmer Berry had put together on previous season’s plowing/salt & sand expenditures. Given the large increase this season because of the weather, there was discussion about possibly raising the local levy in order to keep up with road demands. There was a consensus among the audience to raise the town levy to improve roads; however, no number was voted on as more information was requested by various people. There will be a special meeting in the fall before the budget to present various options, along with costs relating to each option.

Town Salaries was the next item discussed. No changes would take effect for anyone until the next elected term. Cole Pankratz presented some figures of other surrounding township rates and wages, along with the current Town of Rock rates and wages. Chris Reigel moved to increase the annual salary of the Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk by \$500 each and to increase the meeting pay for Supervisors by \$10 per meeting (from \$50 currently to \$60). Mike Klein seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 23 in favor and 4 opposed. Motion carried.

Les Brand then motioned for an annual base salary for Supervisors of \$500 (in addition to the newly voted \$60 per meeting fee). Mark Katzenberger seconded. A roll call vote was taken with 22 in favor and 5 opposed. Motion carried.

The **Crooked Bridge** was brought up next and the consensus was to forget it for now as it looks like there will be bridge work needed on Lincoln Avenue within the next 5 years and there will be no choice on this one. The Town of Rock is responsible for a portion, along with Town of Richfield.

The discussion moved on to **Dust Control**. Cole Pankratz said there would be two loads this year at \$4,000 per load.

Cole Pankratz gave a few township updates. A new furnace was installed in the Town Hall and air conditioning is going to be done. The garage was torn down. Chris Reigel was going to be working on "Chairman's Corner" project. Although approved at last year's meeting, no new fire numbers have been done due to budget constraints.

Jeff Meinders mentioned the Fire Department pancake breakfast was this next Sunday, April 21st.

Adjournment: Roger Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting; Dave Venzke seconded the Motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Wensch
Town Clerk