

The Annual meeting for the Town of Pittsfield was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Deneys at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.

Clerk Bodart read the minutes of the April 16, 2014 Annual meeting. Motion by Helen Wagner second by Deb Diederich to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Mark Frederickson gave the report for NEW rescue. Response time continues to be the general measure of performance of an ambulance service. For the Pittsfield area response time is about 9 minutes. All continuing educational records are maintained in-house for the full-time and part-time staff. At the end of the year there was a remaining balance of \$7,150 in the general fund which was returned back to the municipalities on a per capita basis. Total runs for 2014 was 466 with 17% of those runs to the Pittsfield area. Motion by Jenna Dias second by Sandy Harrig to accept the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Harrig reported the town tax levy is 3.07 with a total tax revenue of \$721,000. We will be refinancing our 2006 bonds which means a savings of \$50,000 with the loan being paid off in 2018. The general fund presently has \$505,724 and the park fund has \$3,973. There were 214 tags issued for dog license in 2014. Recycling rebate monies received in 2014 was \$3,276. Del Bodart motioned to approve the report with a second by Tom Huetter. Motion carried.

Fire Department report was given by Brian Klinger. The department is currently staffed with 36 members on the active duty roster. Total runs for 2014 was 181 with 19 runs to Pittsfield. Total operating cost for the department for the Town of Pittsfield was \$61,770. The department received a DNR grant which was used for Wild land Firefighting equipment. This is a 50/50 match. A FEMA Grant has been applied for with the Packerland Fire District which includes Pulaski, Howard and Suamico. The Packerland Fire District helps utilize equipment and man power. The purchase of a new pumper engine is being planned. With the cost of a new engine being \$5-700,000 a lease plan may be necessary to have it paid off in 7 years. A training session for grain bin rescue is being planned for late summer in conjunction with Seymour Fire Department. The public will be invited to this session. Motion by Ray Tauscher second by Deb Diederich to approve the report. Motion carried.

Zoning administrator reported issuing a total of 38 permits in 2014 for an increase in assessed value of \$2,588,000. Building inspector issued 31 permits in 2014. The average cost of permits for a new house in about \$900. Motion by Ray Tauscher second by Keith Deneys to approve the report. Motion carried.

Motion by Jenna Dias second by Gary Wade to dispense with the reading of the financial statement. Motion carried.

Roads

Work on Norway Drive was completed in 2014. Westline is to be reconstructed in 2015 as a joint effort with the Village of Suamico. A TRIP D grant has been received which will cover about 50% of the reconstruction costs. Pittco is scheduled for reconstruction in 2016. Repairs to Quarry Drive were questioned. Shouldering is needed on several of the roads to help prevent the edges from breaking off the roads. Ditching on the east end of Norway is needed.

Ray Tauscher reported the community park is making improvements with the hopes of having an open area which could be used for a ball field. May 2, 2015 is a community clean- up day at the park.

Town provided garbage pick- up was discussed. The town board will continue to look at options to see if this is feasible for our town. If the board decides to go with providing garbage pickup along with recycling pick up it will need to be added as a special assessment per household on the tax bills. A hand vote indicated about 50% of those in attendance were in favor of the town providing garbage pick-up.

Public comments:

Manure tankers causing breakup on town roads and being too heavy for some of the bridges in the town. Replacement of the bridge on Kunesh North was caused by the undercut of the creek which caused the footings to become unstable. Fire call issues will be looked into by the Chairman.

Motion by Helen Wagner second by Gary Wade to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Jan Bodart/Clerk