

Annual Meeting of the Electors
April 12, 2005

Chairman John Kirchberg called the Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Calamus to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes from the April 13, 2004 Annual Meeting were read by Clerk Marjorie Beilke and approved with a motion from Herb Braker, seconded by Harold Stelter. Motion carried on voice vote.

Clerk Beilke presented the 2004 Annual Financial Report. Motion by Herb Braker, seconded by Scott Steers to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. (Annual Report submitted as minutes, pages 15-18)

Discussion/decision on Building a Salt Shed:

Chairman Kirchberg reported that because the Dodge County highway building in Beaver Dam is closed, it was found to be a considerable inconvenience to drive to the new facility on County Hwy A, sometimes with an hour wait, as well as the inconvenience of it only being open while the county is out plowing. There were several storms this winter that the facility was found closed in the morning because the county had plowed the night before.

John Wedel questioned if there could be any savings by cost sharing with other municipalities. Kirchberg reported that Ken Stock with the Dodge County Highway Department stated that the county would not be interested at this time, though Kirchberg admitted it was possible that surrounding townships might be interested.

Herb Braker questioned the economics of the idea. Kirchberg said that the savings for the salt would be \$9.00 per ton, with additional savings of the 4% County Administration fee, but admitted that the savings were small compared to the convenience.

Kirchberg reported that Wheeler Lumber in St. Louis gave a ballpark figure of \$74,000 for a 32x52 500-ton capacity shed. MPB Builders in Ripon, who has built most of the Dodge County sheds quoted a 30x50 shed between \$60,000-\$80,000. Both have a 50-year warranty on the lumber.

Alfred Schneider stated that if the town were to build, the cost of inflation as well as interest are only increasing each year and felt it would be better to borrow from the state at a reduced rate, then to withhold road maintenance.

Kirchberg continued that a loader would be needed and it was possible to purchase a loader for the tractor the town currently owns for around \$7,000, but it would be limited in the amount it could load at a time. He felt that a good used loader could be purchased as currently there was a used 1991 John Deere for \$35,000 at Brooks tractor in Waupun.

Kirchberg stated that the board was seeking direction from the electors because to get the construction completed this year, the board would need to act quickly.

Alfred Schneider made a motion, seconded by David Stange, to allow the board to construct a salt shed. It was agreed to vote by secret ballot. Chairman Kirchberg appointed Deputy Sheriff Mike Reissmann and Scott Steers as ballots clerks. The ballot Clerks confirmed a written tally of 19 yes, 4 no, motion carried.

Chairman Kirchberg proposed a 5-minute recess to allow everyone to view the shop and tractor to consider loading requirements. Recess began at 8:05 pm.

Chairman Kirchberg resumed the annual meeting at 8:10 pm. John Wedel stated that he thought a good used loader could be purchased for \$30,000. John Braker made a motion, seconded by Sharon Schumann to allow the board to purchase a loader for \$30,000 or less. Call of voice votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried.

Sharon Schumann made a motion, seconded by Barbara Schneider, to allow the board to borrow the money needed to build the shed and purchase the loader. Call of voice votes: all aye, no nay, motion carried.

Discussion on Uniform Dwelling Code Enforcement:

Clerk Beilke informed everyone that it was mandated by the state that all new one and two-family dwellings must be inspected during building effective January 1, 2005. Currently we are using the state supplied inspectors from Independent Inspections, Ltd. in Waukesha 1-800-422-5220. It is the responsibility of the new homebuilders to contact the inspectors with plans after acquiring their Driveway Permit, Land Use Permit and Sanitary Permit but prior to the beginning of construction. They are informed of this by Dodge County when they are issued the Land Use Permit.

Beilke continued that, in the future, it is the goal of the state to have all construction inspected but that the town may consider an ordinance to limit the inspection requirement to construction that meets a specific dollar amount or more.

At this time, with 7-10 new homes averaging a year, it would not be cost effective to perform these inspections in-house, however it could be a viable option in the future.

Other Business:

Chairman Kirchberg presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lucille Miller for her commitment to public service with 10 years on the Board of Supervisors. All in attendance gave her a round of applause.

Being no further business a motion by John Wedel, seconded by Herb Braker to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Carried voice vote.

April 25, 2005

Marjorie Beilke