

Town of Hamburg
Annual Town Meeting
April 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Vogel at 7:00 PM. Vogel thanked all for attending. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-eight residents were in attendance.

Dawn Czech, Clerk, read the minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting. Mike Lange made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jim Schara seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Czech read the 2020 Financial report. Motion was made by Bonnie Nofsinger and seconded by Mike Lange to accept the report as read. Motion carries.

2020 Supervisors Report.

Jordan Artus thanked the Road workers for all their work this past year. He reviewed the work done on Rainbow Drive, as well as Fromm Fur and Big River Drive. In 2021, work is planned on Lincoln Drive, as well as dust control in various areas of Township. Artus also reported on grader maintenance.

Plisch stated Westfall Construction continues to do brushing on the roadside ditches. The Supervisors are aware that various residents are unhappy with the brushing results, but it has been many years since thorough brushing has occurred. Culverts and ditching work will be beginning soon, with granite applications beginning in Mid-May. Plisch welcomed Keith Tucker to the Road Maintenance crew and thanked Lyle Thurs and Gary Paul for their continued work.

A resident questioned culvert purchase process. He will contact the supervisors to initiate this purchase.

Motion to approve the Supervisors report by Jim Schara, seconded by Craig Carlson. Motion carries.

Ryan DeBroux, Fire Chief, gave a Fire Department Report.

DeBroux highlighted the Fire Department 2020 Financial Report that was included in the back of the Annual Report, and thanks the community for their ongoing support. In total, \$21,923.16 was fund-raised to support the mission of the Hamburg Fire Rescue and EMS. The Department will be having a Tractor Pull fundraiser on June 26th this year.

In 2020 the FD/EMR members responded to 79 calls. The Department has on their active roster 27 Fire Department members, and 13 Emergency Medical Responders. Additional Fire Department activities include:

-The 2019 Fire Up to Read program did finally conclude in the Fall of 2020 when school resumed. The 2020/2021 program has continued to be popular with the Maple Grove students.

-The cracked frame of the FD tanker has been repaired at a reduced cost as a donation to the Fire Department by an area business.

-The Department has applied for a \$105,000.00 grant to replace their current Air Pack systems. The Air packs were purchased in 2006, with a Federal grant, and have reached their life expectancy. The applied for grant would have a \$5000.00 township match.

-The Mutual Aid system was defined by Chief DeBroux. All members of this Mutual Aid group have signed contracts between the participating Departments and do not bill for their response to area calls. There were 8 Departments responding to the recent Double P Farm fire due to Mutual Aid.

Cindy Artus thanks the Department for their Fire Up to Read program. She has personally seen the difference it has made to the children the program has served. Artus also thanks the FD/EMS personnel for their response to her family's house fire 20years ago.

Paula Paulson presented the Emergency Medical Responder report.

Paulson reported that EMR Department has 3 new members this past year.

Their traditional fund raisers were cancelled last year due to Covid concerns. A new mum sale and virtual run raised \$3600.00 for the Hamburg EMR Department in 2020. This coming summer, the Department will be staffing the Edgar Steam Show and having another Mum sale in the Fall.

The Department has plans to replace their Blood Pressure cuffs and bag masks soon, and have 3 new Defibs for Responders to use. Jen Jaeger has taken a grant writing class and will be putting that knowledge to work for the Department. Paula Paulson has updated her CPR Education certification and is willing to teach anyone who is interested in learning CPR skills.

Motion was made by Cindy Artus and seconded by Mark Czech to accept the Fire Department and EMR reports. Motion carries.

Vogel presented the Chairman's Report.

1. Vogel recapped the Maple Grove Foundation's petition drive to keep Maple Grove School open by redistricting the Merrill School District portion of the Township into the Athens School District. Hamburg students (except the 2% that are Marathon School District students) will be attending the Athens School District starting in the Fall of 2021. The Fromm Scholarship will continue to be available to both Merrill and Athens graduates for now, if they meet the Maple Grove qualification. Peter Fromm Wade and Dr. Angie Servi put countless hours into the petition process and are thanked for their efforts.
2. Marathon County is trying to improve broadband availability throughout the county. Vogel has recently signed a petition to support this effort.

3. The Town Board is open to new ideas and requests that residents call Vogel with their ideas.
4. The Town Hall rental cost will increase as of July 1, 2021. The small hall rental will be \$150.00 and the large hall will be \$250.00. The refundable security deposit will remain \$100.00.
5. Lighting and roof maintenance improvements are planned for the Town Garage.

Vogel clarified various resident questions on these topics.

Resident Cindy Artus gave an update on Maple Grove's plans for the 2021/22 school year: a new principal will be starting (who is a Maple Grove alumnus), 18 Kindergarten students are signed up to start school in the Fall, and each grade level will have their own teacher.

Motion was made by Jim Schara, seconded by Mike Lange to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion carries.

Old Business

Vogel states that the Township's Pit Run program has had problems this past year with more material leaving the pit than we have received payment for. He questions if we should continue to have this service available to Hamburg residents. A locked gate would be an option to control entrance into the area. Price currently is \$2.00/yd if loading is needed, \$1.00/yd if material is self-loaded.

Motion by Mark Bloch and seconded by Gary Paul to increase charge for Pit Run to \$5.00 if loading is needed, \$3.00 if material is self-loaded. Supervisors will look into a locked gate.

New Business

Chairman Eric Vogel stated the Supervisors have gotten quotes on upgrading the Town Shop's aging roof. The building is a 1976 steel building with minimal insulation. The roof is not leaking at this point, but does need to be addressed.

Options:

1. To paint the metal roof \$4200.00
2. Roofing systems to include insulation \$41,000-\$51,000.

After much discussion on the merits of both options, and the possibility of using a spray foam insulation option for insulation, Motion was made by Elly Zastrow to budget \$50,000 for maintenance of the Town Shop roof, seconded by Doug White. Motion carries. Zastrow also recommended the formation of a committee to further explore options.

Vogel reports that the Road Maintenance workers are using their personal vehicles for smaller town jobs and also for hauling equipment to the job sites. He questions the possibility of purchasing a ½ ton pickup truck for Road Maintenance use. Vogel suggested the Town Board put the 1967 Chevy truck up for sealed bids and purchase a

newer used truck spending \$15-20,000. Motion by Cindy Artus, seconded by Rollie Koppa to spend up to \$25,000 on a 1-ton pickup truck.

Residents questioned Granite and Diabase prices for 2021. Granite will be \$8.94/yd (Red Rocks Granite) and \$8.98/ton (Laddick Road Materials). Granite will be placed on Lincoln Drive; Diabase will be used for spot fill in other areas.

A motion was made by Jim Schara to hold the next Annual Meeting on April 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Lyle Thurs. Motion carried.

Vogel publicly thanked Lynne Harder for her 36 years as Hamburg Town Treasurer. He welcomed Teri Tucker who will be assuming the Treasurer position.

Kathy Price made the motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm, seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Czech, Clerk