

Town of Hamburg  
Annual Town Meeting  
April 19, 2022

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-four residents were in attendance.

2021 Supervisors Report.

Jordan Artus reviewed the large-scale culvert work done on Schoolhouse Lane, as well as granite and Diabase applications on Lincoln Drive. Ditching has been done in various roadside ditches of the township. In 2022, granite work and culvert replacements are planned on Kampmeyer Lane, Skye Falls Drive and Wilde Drive. Artus also reported on equipment maintenance and tire replacements.

John Stubbe was introduced as our newest supervisor. In June, 2021, he replaced Cliff Plisch who resigned shortly after the 2021 Annual meeting. Supervisors thanked our Road maintenance crew for their work this past year.

Motion to approve the Supervisors report by John Sturm, seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carries.

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

DeBroux distributed the Fire Department/EMR 2021 Financial Report and thanks the community for their ongoing support. In total, \$30,000.00 was fund-raised to support the mission of the Hamburg Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Responders. The Department will be having a Tractor Pull fundraiser on June 25<sup>th</sup> this year. The EMR's will also be raising funds through the Edgar Steam Show and a Mum Sale this fall.

The Department was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$86,000 in 2021 which was used to purchase new Air Packs. The Departments existing air packs have reached the end of their service life.

Chief DeBroux answered question from residents on the charges for Fire Department services. Fees are \$750 for the first hour, \$500 for each additional hour paid by the owner of the property. Ambulance stand-by services by the Athens Ambulance are paid by the township quarterly.

Motion was made by Bonnie Nofsinger and seconded by Jim Schara to accept the Fire Department and EMR reports. Motion carries.

Czech read the 2021 Financial report. Question was raised on the 2% Fire Dues. Czech explained this income item, from the State, is an insurance "Rebate" to the Township on premiums paid for property insurance by Town residents. We are required by statute to

spend this money in specific categories such as Turn Out gear and Fire inspections. Motion was made by Jim Schara and seconded by John Sturm to accept the report as read. Motion carries.

Vogel presented the Chairman's Report.

1. Vogel reports Town Hall rentals are increasing again after the last 2 years of the pandemic.
2. Maple Grove Elementary, in its first full year as a part of the Athen's School District had the Annual Maple Grove Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on April 10, 2022. Five hundred people enjoyed the event to benefit the school.
3. The Town Shed roof and Road Maintenance utility truck, items from last year's Annual Meeting, have not been acted upon due to the increases in costs and availability of materials recently.

Vogel is looking for a committee to research the issues and report to the Town Board. It was suggested a Special Town Meeting be called once the Board has further information. Resident Craig Carlson volunteered for the committee. Motion by Brad Borchardt, seconded by Jim Schara to spend up to \$40,000 on a utility truck. Motion carries on a Voice Vote of 18 Yea, 1 Nay.

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

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

Question was raised as to the hourly wage for the Township's employees. Czech listed the wage paid to the Town Road workers and Election workers. Those in attendance are assured the Town employees are adequately paid for their work.

Vogel announces the next Annual Meeting is set for April 18, 2023 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

John Sturm made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by Jim Schara. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Czech, Clerk