

Town of Morgan 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Lori Witthuhn called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 28 present and 5 elected officers.

2022 Minutes written by Clerk Belongia were read by Clerk Mooers. Motion made by Dave Behrend/ 2nd by Debbie Wranosky dispense from reading April 18, 2022 annual minutes and be approved as typed. All in favor. M/C.

Lorie Wiese/ Treasurer went through the Account Reconciliation 2022 consisting of the following account balances: A) General Account \$521,786.04 \$ B) Escrow Account \$7,200.00 and C) Capital Funds \$8,688.76. Total General Property Taxes \$1,557,948.39. Total Morgan Tax Settlement paid \$1,388,064.56, plus mailing fees of \$493.39. Difference is the town's levy which comes back to the town. Total Levy is \$170,377.00.

Debbie Wranosky made a motion that we have an audit done of the 2022 books done by a third-party CPA. Second by Sherry Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.

(Per legal: Motions from the floor are advisory recommendations only. Motion would need to come from board members because of expenses associated with the motion.)

Sherry Peterson motioned to accept treasurers report as written; Second made by Glori Heimke. All in favor. M/C.

Erin Mooers/ Town Clerk introduced the 2022 Annual Financial Report. Financial report was read in it's entirety. Top expenses for 2022 are as follows:

- Road Maintenance total: \$148,622.66- this included beginning stages for Morgan Marsh Road, Ditch/ Brush cutting and Snow Removal.
- Charges for Public Service: \$139,371.96 – which includes both the fire department contract and fire dues for a total of \$ 94,788.79 and the ambulance contract of \$44,583.17.
- General Administration total of \$66,616.65—covers town board wages, office expenses, training and education, mileage, Insurance, dog license, and delinquent sewer taxes.
- Recycling center expense paid out was \$11,224.36; Income received was \$16,071.75; recycling was in the black by \$4,847.39
- Building Inspector/ Construction Deposits were changed in 2022. Tom Smith came aboard to assist the town with building permits. Upon the new hiring fees were no longer filtered through the town and residents with directly with Tom for building permits. In 2022 the town received \$8,227.28 (building permits) and expenses paid out \$2,670.58.
- Election expenses for 2022 totaled \$6,510.42.
- R&R Assessor \$10,500.00

In summary Total Income \$595,771.20 Total Expense \$393,202.53
Under budget by \$202,568.67- This is due to roadwork on Morgan Marsh Road not being completed.

Joel Nischke/ Assistant Fire Chief/ Vice President - Gave summary of service for 2022- 25 calls for services. GVMFC did 60 fires inspections throughout the year with includes 2 yearly inspections and any follow up inspections for violations found. 16 properties in Green Valley and 12 in the township of Morgan. 2,045 man-hours were noted for 2022 for 26 members. Man-hours include 12 regular training meetings, 12 regular maintenance training business meetings, and occasionally have special training meetings throughout the business year. ISO ratings were being reviewed, they are currently working on achieving an 8B, possibly an 8. The department has 3 high-capacity wells and two satellite stations which will help with the rating. Thanks to business and individuals who supported the annual picnic, the department was able to purchase 4 SCBA units and back up bottles.

Ryan Raatz/ R&R Assessing was not present to give a report.

Building inspector, Tom Smith Most of 2022 was spent cleaning up loose ends from the transition with the previous inspector. Has received a few calls, but no permits at the time of the annual meeting. Permit fees were adjusted to be inline with surrounding townships and can be found on Tom's website.

Morgan Cemetery, Randy Birr-

The new sign was installed. The original estimate for the sign was approximately \$8000.00. As of now, the cost of the sign is \$3,886.65. A \$2,400.00 donation by the Alhborg family was used to pay for the sign, leaving a balance of \$1,486.65. Gillett Cement donated cement for the footings. Jeff Folts was able to do the excavation, Jeff and Randy worked on the footings (donated). Clint Conrad did all the block and brick work (donated). I want to thank the Alhborg Family, original Town Board and the present Town Board for the help to make this happen.

Activity at the cemetery was steady through the year. There were thirty-two contacts with various people who had questions, comments, or concerns, along with the burial planning. We had two traditional burials and no cremation burials for the year. No lots were sold at the cemetery this year. Three new headstones were placed in the cemetery. The grass was cut eleven times in 2022, thirteen in 2021. I would like to thank the people of the Town of Morgan and the Morgan Town Board for the privilege of maintaining the Town Cemetery.

<u>Burial date</u>	<u>Person buried</u>
09/17/2022	LaDonna Birr
12/03/2022	Donald Ahlborg

Oconto Falls Area Joint Ambulance Service Squad Members Angie Ahlgrim and Pat Ahlgrim- Licenses upgrade was approved December 14th. They went on 1,414 calls for 2022. Inter-transfer calls increased, hospitals from Green Bay often calls for assistance. New Narcotics box was added for safety. Updated badge printer for mass casualty events and for office security was purchased. All door-locks were upgraded for their DEA license compliance. New flooring installed at the garage. Garage doors began malfunctioning and were replaced with newer

technology to ensure doors closed properly. Applied to a *focus on energy* grant to update lighting fixtures with motion activated timers.

2023 Budget was provided to the board, with line-by-line breakdown. Tax pay cost for per call averaged \$162/ per call. New ambulance received Memorial Day 2022, truck chassis, 4-wheel drive ability. Currently waiting for new fuel-efficient vehicle, utilized primarily for highway miles for interfacility transfers from hospital to hospital. New vehicle is funded by grant funding.

Pat reviewed several cardiac cases and how the new certifications have improved patient care.

CPR course will be offered at townhall free of charge.

Excess property by the ambulance bay will be utilized to house the Oconto Falls Community Garden where residents can rent plots or assist in working in the large plots which will be donated to Nurses Nook or Kingdom Pantry.

Lori Witthuhn/Town Chair Gave an update on Morgan Marsh Road. On track to be paved this year once weather permits. Garrity was graded. Schroeder Rd & Elm Lawn were both patched. All roads were rated so the board could get them in a docket for order of necessity. Autumn Lane is still being worked on to add gravel.

Road weight limits removed on Thursday at noon.

May will be clean up ditches, no charge to drop off items found in the ditches to recycling center.

Spectrum and Bug Tussle still working on adding lines throughout the community.

Ditch/ Brush cutting coming up at next monthly board meetings.

2024 Annual Meeting—April 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Motion made by Sherry Peterson to hold the next Annual Meeting on Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM so town vendors can attend without conflicting with other area townships.

Second made by Bob Peterson. All in favor. M/C.

Public comments:

- Residents asking for sound system so that people can hear in meeting better.
- Resident stated that when budget time comes, they would hope the fire department is supported.
- Resident stated there was an issue with gravel being thrown into the ditch by the snow plow.

9:19 PM—motion to adjourn made by Sherry Peterson. Second by Bob Peterson. All in favor. M/C. Next meeting date: April 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Clerk Mooers April 23, 2023

