

**Town of Mitchell**  
**Meeting Location: W8095 Parnell Rd, Cascade WI 53011**  
**Annual Town Minutes**  
**April 21, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chair-Bill Puetz, Supervisors-Pat Docter; Dave Schuh; Jackie Veldman and Bob Rementer, Treasurer-Rosemary Muga, Town Attorney-Crystal Feiber. Additional Attendants-Jerome Hartung, Marilyn Fowler, Karol Docter, Scott and Barb Stebnitz, Dennis and Mari Born, Sharon Kneeland, Jennifer Buelow, John Fluker, Nancy Schroeder, Missy Rady, LuAnn Rady, Lynn and Chip Beckford, Anthony Wierus, Lou Jaeger, Norb and Janice Kraemer, Joe Krebsbach, Shane Dailey, Jim and Judy Geib

**Called to Order with Pledge of Allegiance:** By Chair Bill Puetz at 7:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes from Annual Town Meeting on April 15, 2014:** Pat Docter made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Annual Town Meeting. Dennis Born offered a second; the residents of the Town of Mitchell passed the motion.

**Reports from Town Officers:** There were no reports to offer by the Town Officers

**2014 Annual Financial Report (Offered by Treasurer Rosemary Muga):** Rosemary gave an overview of the balance sheets. She also reported that there was a \$45000.00 surplus in the budget that was ear marked for road work.

**Appointing new town officials:** Bill Puetz (Town Chairperson), Pat Docter (Town Supervisor), Jackie Veldman (Town Supervisor), and Linnae Wierus (Town Clerk) were sworn in on April 15, 2015 by the interim clerk, Rosemary Muga

**Open Comment:** Chip Beckford expressed his concern with the conditions of the town roads. Many have fallen into a state of disrepair. What is the plan for 2015? Pat Docter, Road Commissioner, responded that the Road Review is scheduled for April 25, 2015. Also the majority of our road work budget for 2015 is for the School section of Scenic Road, approximately 1.25 miles of road. We do have a grant to help with 75% of that funding. Chip mentioned that he would like to see a road plan on the May Meeting Agenda. Dennis Born commented that too much money is being spent on the 5 person board, not the roads.

Dennis Born commented that if the wages of the town board were decreased, there would be more money for the roads. Dennis made the motion to decrease wages of each board member by \$1000.00 and the chairmen by \$2000.00, Mari Born offered a second. He mentioned that there should be no wage decrease for the treasurer or the clerk. Bob Rementer commented that it would take effect at the next election term for the current town board members. Dennis then commented that the board could return to a 3 person (1 chair, 2 supervisors) board. Jerry Hartung and Jen Buelow both agree to the 5 person board (1 chair, 4 supervisors) was better idea. Andy Seil was opposed to the motion as the board has a large number of meetings, responsibilities and needs to have a lot of knowledge; they earn their salaries. Dave Schuh asked Rosemary to read the salaries of the board members. Chair-\$5,000, Supervisors-\$3,000 each, Treasurer-\$6,000 and Clerk-\$16,000. The motion was reread and then Dennis changed the motion to read supervisors instead of board members. The motion now stated-To decrease the wages of each supervisor by \$1000.00 and the Chairmen by \$2000.00. Bob asked that

the vote was to be taken by secret ballot. The vote came back as yes-15, no-19. The salaries will remain the same.

Jen Buelow questioned if the town allowed the parking lot to be used for bar parking. Pat mentioned that he will check into it. Chip asked the Attorney Fieber for her opinion. She stated that we may have a rental agreement with the bar for no liability. Mari Born and Jen contacted the insurance company and the insurance company recommended that we use the parking lot for town business only. Also, there should be signs that say parking for town business only. LuAnn Rady found drug paraphernalia in the lot and turned it into the authorities. Chip mentioned that signs should limit our liability. Jen said she brought it up at this meeting because a town resident asked her too. Bob mentioned that we could ask the bar owner for a Certificate of Hold Harmless from their insurance company. Bob asked that it goes on the May agenda. Pat also mentioned that the majority of the lot is Road Right.

Louie Jaeger mentioned that it was nice to see so many people at the meeting. He would like to see more people come to a monthly meeting not to argue but to become informed.

**Adjourn:** Pat Doctor made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Norb Kraemer offered a second. The residents of the town passed the motion at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted-

Rebecca A. Klahn-Schwartz

May 1, 2015