TOWN OF NEW GLARUS

ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL17, 2024, 6:00 PM AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Town of New Glarus residents, County of Green, will be held at 26 5th Avenue, New Glarus, WI on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Proof of Posting
- 3. Present 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes Presented for informational purposes: minutes were approved at the May 10, 2023 Town Board Meeting
- 4. Financial Report Presentation
- 5. Introduce Town Board Supervisors Elected on April 2, 2024 (Oath Administered Before this Date by Statute) and Newly Appointed/Reappointed Commission Member(s)
- 6. Updates Regarding W6599 CTH 39 Property
 - a) Sale of buildings and 11.5 acres of land
 - b) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant application results
 - c) Update on Master Park Plan and trail to Durst Road
 - d) Site preparations for future Town garage
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjourn

Note: Members of the Town Board may engage in discussion and information sharing in their capacity as Town Board members at the Annual Meeting, but no action of the Town Board will be taken. A quorum of the Town Parks Commission and/or Town Plan Commission may be present.

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Chris Narveson, Chair New Glarus Town Board

John Wright Clerk-Treasurer

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Town of New Glarus ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 MINUTES

Qualified Town Residents Attending: Chris Narveson (Chair), Robert Elkins, Jim Hoesly, Troy Pauli, Craig Galhouse, Kelly Ruschman, and Harry Pulliam (arrived at 6:05 PM)

Non-Residents Attending: John Wright: Town Clerk-Treasurer, and Tara Bast, Audit Partner with Johnson Block (departed at 6:35 PM)

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u> Chair Narveson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. <u>Proof of Posting</u> Clerk-Treasurer Wright attested to the proper proof of posting.
- 3. <u>Present 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes</u> Chair Narveson noted that the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting were approved by the Town Board at their May 12, 2021 meeting. No one in attendance had any objection to the minutes, as presented.
- 4. Financial Report Presentation Tara Bast reported that she and an assistant reviewed 2021 financial records and reports at the Town Hall office on April 1, 2022. Bast introduced the Town of New Glarus Financial Statement Overview for 2021. She noted that half of the ARPA funds have been received to date which is reported as a grant advance; this has not been spent or assigned. The current percent of unassigned fund balance to next year's budget is 21.57%; this is within the 15-25% range that is recommended. There followed a brief discussion that the Final Rule from the U.S. Department of Treasury was broadened to include use of the ARPA grant funds for governmental services that include infrastructure. Because the Town's distribution is less than \$10 million, Bast recommends taking the standard allowance and reporting that the entire allocation will be used. Resident Jim Hoesly, N8982 Old Madison Road, recommended spending the ARPA funds on a legacy project such as the purchase of land for a new public works facility. Bast noted that 2024 is the deadline to obligate the funds and 2026 is the deadline to have spent the allocation.
- 5. <u>Introduce Town Board Supervisors Elected on April 5, 2022</u> Chair Narveson publicly thanked the incumbent supervisors, Robert Elkins and Jim Hoesly, who were present this evening who were re-elected. Both have already been administered their oath of office for 2-year terms ending in 2024. The newly appointed Parks Commission member Kelly Ruschman was also in attendance; his partial term is set to expire on June 30, 2025.
- 6. <u>Old Business</u> Clerk-Treasurer Wright provided those in attendance with actions allowed by the qualified electorate at the Annual Meeting per Wisconsin Statutes and the definition of a qualified elector.
- 7. New Business Chair Narveson announced that an updated Needs Study is under way in preparation for revisions to the Impact Fee Ordinance. He described those portions of the Town Code to be updated this year. 2022 is a revaluation year. Assessor Deirdre Vanko of Associated Appraisal anticipates that field work will conclude in August, that Open Book will be conducted in September, with the Board of Review (BOR) in October. The BOR is required to Meet to Adjourn to a later date within the 45-day period no later than June 8, 2022. Two members have taken the necessary training this year to ensure that the BOR is compliant with standards effective January 1, 2022 that require at least one member receive training in the same year as the BOR is held. Wright has taken the training this year as well and will serve as the Clerk of the BOR. Wright noted that the Town has not adopted a policy to issue a waiver to the BOR for a direct appeal to Circuit Court; a waiver can be requested by the complainant or their agent, the BOR, or the assessor.

<u>A motion</u> by Troy Pauli, W6542 Pioneer Road, was made to schedule the 2023 Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM which within the 10 days after the third Tuesday prescribed and allowed by Wisconsin Statutes; second by Jim Hoesly, N8952 Old Madison Road. Motion carried.

Harry Pulliam, W5170 County Road W, reported that 42 surveys have been received in support of the updated Town Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). There followed a brief discussion regarding the CORP survey and an amendment to the future proposed trail map. There was a brief discussion regarding UTV/ATV activity and permissions for their use on public roads and/or trails in surrounding communities and possibly adding a non-binding referendum question on a future ballot.

8. <u>Adjourn</u> – <u>Motion</u> to adjourn made by Robert Elkins, W5270 CTH W; <u>second</u> by Troy Pauli. <u>Meeting adjourned</u> at 7:30 PM.

John Wright, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: May 11, 2022