**ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Blaine Lee opened the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. The following residents were present: Chris Brueggeman, Nick Walters, Steve Knudson, Tim Rice, Paul Degenhardt, Sara Schultz, Blaine Lee, Katie Reding, Russell Hicks and Ashley Hicks.

**Old Business (Items to note in 2018):**

* 2019 Levy was $540,137 - with the fire truck special assessment - $648,756
* Net new construction - $2,783,600 (1.11%)
* Equalized value - $264,225,800 Net assessed value - .017346653
* Fire truck special assessment $108,619 for 3 years (to be paid 2019, 2020,2021)
* Purchase of 2018 International 7400 SFA 4 x 4 snow plow truck, wing, sander and accessories $117,314.50 + $70,887.00 = $188,201.50 (paid for in cash)
* Purchase of Ford/New Holland tractor 2018 Kubota DM 1017 disc mower

 $2,013 + $6,700.00 = $8,713.00 (paid for in cash)

* FEMA grants - $54,170.08

We were able to finish up all storm damages in the township and were able to bring bridges on Old Hwy 16 and Pleasant Valley up to standards. FEMA grant money went toward reimbursement of all 2017 storm damages

**New Business for 2019:**

* Elected officers were sworn in to office: Blaine Lee – Chairman; Paul Degenhardt – Supervisor 1 (new); Kevin Hoyer – Supervisor 2; Sara Schultz – Town Clerk;

Katie Reding – Treasurer

* Road Crew and wages: Steve Knudson ($21.00/hour); Reid Carrie ($19.00/hour) and Dave Novak ($16.50/hour) will be leaving in May, 2019
* Recycling Center: LeRoy Tauscher, Teresa Schaitel, Paul Poehling, Barb Whitewater, LaVerne Jonas and Dave Novak - all receive $9.50/hour

**ROADS:**

* General Transportation Aid for 2019 - $115,364.81

 Roads and bridges held up fairly well and we don’t expect any major repairs this year.

 It was a hard year on plow equipment; therefore, one existing truck may need a new

 box, which would prolong its life 8 – 10 more years

* The Town of Hamilton Comprehensive Plan may need to be updated and reviewed in

 2019

**PURCHASE OF NEW LAND:**

* On Tuesday, March 12, 2019 we purchased 5 acres from La Crosse County for $65,000.

This land was budgeted and paid in full by the Town of Hamilton. Special thanks to Ray Ebert for putting this sale together. We will be working on a bypass lane which is required by the DOT. Our plan is to build a sand/salt shed first. This future project will need to be budgeted and approved by the electors before any construction can begin (approximately 2 years) when a special assessment is done.

Paul Degenhardt motioned to adjourn the 2019 annual meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was supported with a second from Blaine Lee and passed.

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 Sara Schultz, Clerk