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TOWN OF MEDINA ANNUAL MEETING April 17, 2018

The 2018 Town of Medina Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Weinberger at 7:00 PM. Sixteen electors were present: Sue Zingshiem, John Ward, Todd Weinberger, John Hellenbrand, Ron Jacobson, Tammy Jordan, Lea Braithwaite, Phillip Braithwaite, Carrie Weinberger, Jim Hellenbrand, Sam Anderson, Leola Foti, Mary Foster, John Stuntebeck, Melissa Chadwick and Lonnie Benesch. Also present was Scott Allain (Marshall District 14 EMS Director) and Chris O'Brien (Courier).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the electors.

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed by the electors. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Sam Anderson and seconded by Leola Foti, motion carried 16 ayes, 0 nay.

Sam Anderson addressed the electors regarding allowing additional development in the Town of Medina. Mr. Anderson cited the survey completed for the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the Town where residents indicated the desire to have the Town remain a farming community and to limit urban development. The issue of Transfer of Development Rights was discussed but the Town has not established a plan to utilize this option. Mr. Anderson indicated he would like to see additional development on small parcels in the Town that would add additional tax basis. Lonnie Benesch spoke regarding the original Land Use Plan put in place in 1980. Mary Foster also stated she would like to see development on smaller parcels. John Stuntebeck felt the Town should allow additional development on his parcels in Deansville. Chairman Weinberger indicated that the Town of Medina Comprehensive Plan is due for an update. The electors discussed the changes in enrollment in the Marshall School District. Tammy Jordan spoke to the limited availability of non-farm properties in the Town. The electors agreed that a new survey should be completed by the Town Board like the one completed in 2007.

The 2017 Town of Medina Financial Report was presented and reviewed. Clerk Jacobson explained the updated format that has been implemented the past year. The electors did not have any questions regarding the report. The report will be on the Town web site and available in print as needed at the waste/recycling site. Motion to approve the 2017 Town of Medina Financial Report by Sam Anderson and seconded by John Stuntebeck, carried 16 ayes, 0 nay.

Chairman Weinberger discussed the referendum that passed on the April 3, 2018 ballot to change the Clerk office from an elected office to an appointed office effective April 2019. Lonnie Benesch inquired on the future of moving to a combined office of an appointed clerk/treasurer office. The procedure for completing this would require a change by the electors and a referendum on a future ballot.

Scott Allain (Marshall District 14 EMS Director) arrived at 7:45 PM.

Chairman Weinberger discussed the ongoing process of updating the town ordinances including the Minimal Housing Ordinance, the Driveway/Culvert Ordinance, Recycling Ordinance and others that are under review.



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Scott Allain (Marshall District 14 EMS Director) addressed the electors regarding the staffing changes at the Fire Department and EMS that includes two full time staff serving both entities.

The electors discussed the process for authorization and notification for burning in the Town. The process needs to be reviewed by the Town Board and Fire Department for possible updating.

The work of the Town of Medina Facility Needs Committee was discussed. A report on the existing facilities has been completed and presented to the Town Board. The existing salt shed has been identified as having structural issues. The Town Board is reviewing options for future facilities. Lonnie Benesch inquired whether a new salt shed could be constructed on the existing site. There are potential issues with this since the current building does not meet the set back requirement to Highway 19. There is also some concern with having this type of structure close to the Maunesha River.

Motion by Chairman Weinberger to set the 2019 Annual Meeting for 7:00 PM April 16, 2019, seconded by John Hellenbrand, carried 16 ayes, 0 nay.

Motion by Sam Anderson to Adjourn, seconded by Jim Hellenbrand, carried 16 ayes, 0 nay. Adjourned 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Jacobson, Town Clerk