

ANNUAL SCHOOL AND TOWN MEETING MINUTES
February 29th, 2016
WELLS VILLAGE SCHOOL

VOTERS & GUEST PRESENT: 58

MODERATOR: Ronald Bremer

SCHOOL PORTION:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ron Bremer.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to allow non-voters to speak. Ellen Malona Strange seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ron Bremer asked School Board Member Sharon Undal to read the Wells Town School Warning.

Lisa Yates explained a typo of \$4290.00 on Page 62-64- Group dental/eye line should be \$4290.00

Cherry Hopson asked about expenses on maintenance and renovations. Lous Manzano said they spent \$5999.00 to upgrade bathrooms, \$7848 to upgrade the kitchen. Cherry Hopson expressed concern about spending money in maintenance and renovations due to Act 46. Cherry asked if this is a good time to have a sort of moratorium on renovations. Lisa Yates tried to explain this could be a 7-8 year process and that the school is very cautious about expenditures.

Cherry Hopson asked about their ideas of the space in the basement. Sue Burke explained this was before Act 46, there are still looking at ideas and everything is on hold at this point.

Phyllis Reed asked about surplus. Lous Manzano explained that articles are put on the ballot to put some of the surplus into reserve.

Rich Holcomb asked what \$10,000 in surplus amounted to in taxes. Lous said it amounted to cents per household in taxes.

Cherry Hopson asked about money in the surplus if the schools merge. Lous explained if the districts combine all debt and all surpluses become combined as well.

Michelle Bates asked what an equalized pupil was and Lous explained how the state comes up with this and that it is a count of students we are getting credit for from the state.

Principal Lisa Yates made a presentation of the school. Slide shows can be found at the Town Offices.

Lous Manzano talked about its budget.

Joy Brewster asked about Special Education. What is the difference now that the Supervisory Union is in charge of special education. Lisa Yates explained it is more of a pass through, it is more of a tracking process.

Joel Pliner made a motion to adjourn the School Portion at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Ellen Malona Strange.

TOWN PORTION:

Town Portion of the meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Ronald Bremer at 8:00 PM.

Gary Witherbee made a motion to allow non-voters to speak. Seconded by Ellen Malona Strange. Motion passed.

Ron Bremer gave a list of candidates running for office March 1st, 2016.

Ron Bremer asked Chairman, Enoch Pratt to read the Town Warning.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman came in at 8:10 p.m. to speak to the audience. He discussed the biggest issue, which is ACT 46. Robin completed at 8:20 PM.

Donna Lamb made a motion to accept the Town Report as written. Seconded by Ellen Malona Strange. Motion passed.

Ward Cyr asked a question about the transfer station and how are we meeting standards. Enoch explained we will be charging by the bag in 2016-2017.

Rich Holcomb asked about any changes coming to the transfer station. Enoch explained the upcoming changes of per bag charges and composting in the near future.

Cherry Hopson commented that the print of the Town Report was bigger and therefore was much easier to read.

Paul Woodruff Sr. asked Nora to explain the new tabulator and how it will work.

Cherry Hopson asked where the money for the town report came from. Nora explained the actual cost of the report (printing/binding) comes from printing and binding. The salary to pay someone to do the report comes out of the Assistant Salary.

Ward Cyr asked about highway surplus and if the Town has any plans. Enoch explained some plans we had for the future.

Cherry Hopson asked about Delaney Park and why this is not an appropriation and why the town voters are not allowed to vote on Delaney issues. Tim said voters could petition on ballot to have issues voted on.

Articles were then discussed one by one. Jim Canders gave a short presentation on Article 7 on behalf of Lake St. Catherine Association. Joel Pliner and Bill Frye made a presentation on Article 8 & 9 on behalf of the Lake St Catherine Conservation Fund, Inc.

Gerry Woodruff made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Seconded by Cheryl Woodruff. Motion passed.

Ronald Bremer, Moderator

Nora Sargent, Town Clerk/Treasurer