

Ogema Township
Special Town Meeting
May 2nd , 2013

The Ogema Town Board of Supervisors called for **and** held a Special Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday , May 2nd , 2013 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Raymond Thieling, Patrick and Mary Kester, Patricia and Robert Sunstrom, Charles and Kathleen Kramer, Dianne and Michael Beaufeaux, Douglas and Marlene Erickson, John and Sandra O'Reilly, Todd and Doreen Gamble, Dennis and Sharol Huggett.

Clerk, Robert Sunstrom called the meeting to order. He gave a brief summary of why this meeting was being held. Electoral asked Town Board to put together a proposal of Town Hall renovation and have a special meeting for public input.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On a motion made by Sandra O'Reilly and second by Marlene Erickson, Dianne Beaufeaux was nominated as Moderator. Motion carried. All, voting yes.

Moderator, Dianne Beaufeaux read the Agenda for meeting.

Supervisor, Patrick Kester, gave an Overview Presentation of proposals that were read at Annual Meeting and with the current additions that are being submitted.

Moderator, Dianne Beaufeaux opened the Public Comment Portion of the meeting and read the meeting rules for which the public shall follow.

Township residents asked these following generalized questions:

1. Michael Beaufeaux; Was the initial thought of relocating and taking care of the existing building or is the addition included?
2. Patricia Sunstrom; Removal of existing siding and asbestos issues.
3. Michael Beaufeaux; How was the 8 years derived by the calculations sent by the County Auditor?
4. Raymond Thieling; What is the purpose of turning the building?
5. Michael Beaufeaux; Need of two doors? Is there plans for septic?
6. Raymond Thieling; Electrical/Chemical toilets are available, may be an option?
7. Dianne Beaufeaux; Asking about installation of well?
8. Patricia Sunstrom; Gravity feed water system, option?
9. John O'Reilly; Why only go half way with project? Why not do it all for people to enjoy a useful building.
10. Todd Gamble; If cost doubled to get it all done, building would be available for rental and we could start to recoup costs. Try and keep look of original building.
11. Dianne Beaufeaux; Do doors meet codes and address security issues with both windows and doors.
12. Michael Beaufeaux; Historical aspect of building and preserving that. If existing outside walls are to be removed, can insulation be added at same time.

13. Dennis Huggett; Let's do entire project instead of piece meal it. If not done all at once, inflation costs could escalate.
14. Patricia Sunstrom; Let's do the whole project with the addition of basic kitchen expansion.
15. Dianne Beaufeaux; Making an office area out of the existing kitchen and closet area of the original building.
16. Todd Gamble; What would be in the new addition?
17. Sharol Huggett; Don't put office in new addition, put it in the existing building area.
18. Michael Beaufeaux; Could use the pine boards from the kitchen area and use it as wains coating around the new office area.
19. John O'Reilly; Look at office and kitchen space areas of the Local 49er's building for ideas.
20. Kathleen Kramer; Can we get by with just one bathroom?

Clerk read the e-mail sent to Town Board from Township Attorney, Troy Gilchrist. In this e-mail Troy explains that since the board is seeking electoral input on the renovation of town hall, the best approach is to have the electors give that input at a properly called meeting so there can be no question that the town board was authorized to move forward with this project. This comes from the fact the electors need to give authorization to buy or build a new building, MN. State Statue 365.10, subd. 6, so while technically we can argue this is not a new building and so we do not need authorization, it is better to avoid argument and get authorization.

Moderator, Dianne Beaufeaux, closed the Public Comment Portion of Hearing.

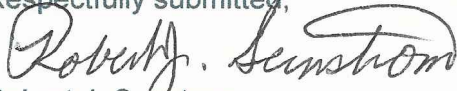
There were no written submissions from residents for Town Clerk to read.

On a motion made by Dennis Huggett and second by Douglas Erickson, the Town Board to continue with this project and get submitted proposals of everything mentioned in improvement costs spoken of here tonight and also the 20x20 addition with septic, well, bathroom, kitchen area and a small office in existing building. Motion carried. All voting, yes but one. (16 yeas, 1 nay)

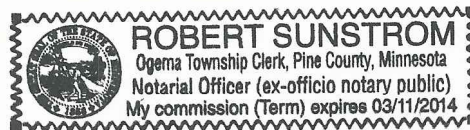
The Town Board to try and get more information put together for further presentation at next Town Board meeting held on May 9th, 2013.

On a motion made by Michael Beaufeaux second by Dennis Huggett, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township



Special Town Meeting Moderator;

Dianne M. Beaufeaux Date 5/13/2013