

LOOKING AHEAD

April is coming fast, and we are planning for the Annual Meeting and the Spring Election! To keep up with the latest developments, click “subscribe to updates” on the home page!

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 9th 2024 at 7PM at our town hall. This meeting is a meeting of the Electors of a town to exercise powers directly. It is also a chance for you to see where our money comes from and where it goes as we present you with a Financial Statement of all monies received and dispersed throughout the previous year (2023). It is your chance to let the Board know what you’re thinking, how you feel about changes that have been made, changes you may want to see, and to exercise your powers as they pertain to the Wisconsin State Statutes. You may or may not know that, as Electors of our town, specific powers of a meeting of a town’s electors can be found in Section 60.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The town meeting may act on only those subjects that Wisconsin Statutes specifically grant it the power to do so. Actions on other matters that have no legal effect at all are advisory only and the Board will take them into consideration when making decisions that affect our town as a whole.

Three categories of town meeting action are authorized:

1. The town meeting **may exercise** powers **directly** under Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)
2. The town meeting **may grant the Town Board authority** to act on some things (which the board may decide not to do) under Wis. Stat. § 60.10(2) .
3. The town meeting **may authorize** the **appropriation** of funds for specific purposes under Wis. Stat. § 60.10(3)

(1) DIRECT POWERS. The town meeting may:

1. *Raise money.* Raise money, including levying taxes, to pay for expenses of the town, unless the authority has been delegated to the town board under sub. (2) (a).
2. Fix the compensation of elective town offices under s. 60.32, unless the authority has been delegated to the town board under sub. (2) (k).
3. Combine the offices of town clerk and town treasurer under s. 60.305(1).
4. Combine the offices of town assessor and town clerk under s. 60.305(2).
5. Establish or abolish the office of town constable and establish the number of constables.
6. Designate the office of town clerk, town treasurer or the combined office of clerk and treasurer as part-time under s. 60.305(1) (b).
7. Designate town board supervisors as full-time officers.

(2) DIRECTIVES OR GRANTS OF AUTHORITY TO TOWN BOARD.

By resolution, the town meeting may:

1. *Raise money.* Authorize the town board to raise money, including levying taxes, to pay for expenses of the town.

- 2. *General obligation bonds.* Authorize the town board to issue general obligation bonds in the manner and for the purposes provided by law.
- 3. *Exercise of certain zoning authority.* In a town located in a county which has enacted a zoning ordinance under s. 59.69, authorize, under s. 60.62(2), the town board to enact town zoning ordinances under s. 61.35.
- 4. *Appointed assessors.* Authorize the town board to select assessors by appointment under s. 60.307(2).
- 5. *Compensation of elective town offices.* Authorize the town board to fix the compensation of elective town offices under s. 60.32(1) (b).
- 6. *Hourly wage of certain employees.* Authorize the town board to establish the hourly wage to be paid under s. 60.37(4) to a town employee who is also an elected town officer, other than a town board supervisor.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO TOWN BOARD TO APPROPRIATE MONEY.

The town meeting may authorize the town board to appropriate money in the next annual budget for

- 1. *.Insects, weeds and animal diseases.* The control of insect pests, weeds or plant or animal diseases within the town.
- 2. *Cemetery improvements.* The improvement of the town cemetery under s. 157.50(5).

Stick around after the Annual Meeting for the regularly scheduled Board meeting!

VOTING! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

Spring Election is April 2, 2024!

Check out the Wisconsin Elections Commission website here... <https://elections.wi.gov/>

For all the latest info and voting requirements. As always, our voting takes place at our town hall so plan on making YOUR VOTE COUNT!

