



Town of Vienna Web Site Address: [www.vienna-wis.com](http://www.vienna-wis.com)

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## April Election

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Races on the ballot include Town Chair, Supervisor I, Town Supervisor II and Town Treasurer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, County Executive and DeForest School Board Members for Village of Windsor and Town of Burke. Sample ballots by school district will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website as soon as they are available. Absentee ballots for the April election will be available in the Town Clerk's Office from March 14th through March 31st. You can also fill out a request to have the ballot mailed to you by filling out a absentee request form. Absentee and registration forms are available online and in the front vestibule at the town hall.

## February Election Results

A total of 106 town residents voted at the February 21st Spring Primary. This represents approximately 11% of our eligible voters. The results were:

Tony Evers—82  
Lowell Holtz—18  
John Humphries—7

Thank you to everyone that voted and a special thanks to our election inspectors for making this a successful election. If anyone is interested in becoming an election inspector, please contact the office.

## Electronics Recycling

The town is planning on holding an electronics recycling event this year. Some of the items include computers and accessories, printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, TVs, phones, cameras and projectors, DVD players and much, much more. A flyer will be posted on our website and in our front vestibule with all the acceptable items once we have this arranged. We will announce the date and time in our April newsletter and on our website calendar once it has been confirmed.

## We are here to help

**Could you use some help navigating Medicare? Do you have confusing medical bills? Are you concerned about changes as you age? Do you have aging parents who could benefit from area resources?**

The DeForest Area Community and Senior Center has three Case Managers; Natalie, Roxane, and Grace. We provide confidential services to residents of DeForest, Windsor, and Vienna who are age 60 and older. Our goal is to promote and maintain the independence of all seniors in this area by enhancing their social, emotional, and physical well-being.

### **TEN ways we could help you or your family member:**

- 1) Answer questions and provide information so you can make informed choices.
- 2) Coordinate transportation, help arrange in home help or connect you with local services.
- 3) Provide information and assistance regarding housing, health, or finances.
- 4) Assist with applying for or keeping benefits, like Food Share or Energy Assistance.
- 5) Attend a doctor appointment or family meeting with you and advocate for you.
- 6) Make a phone call with you regarding a medical bill that is difficult to understand.
- 7) Make a plan with you to help meet your goals for independence and quality of life.
- 8) Explain how Medicare works and help with your Part D plan.
- 9) Assess needs, strengths and barriers regarding nutrition, mental and physical health, safety, daily living activities, socialization, resources, support systems and abuse.
- 10) Support you in your role as caregiver for your spouse or loved one either one-on-one or through our Caregiver Support Group and/or Memory Café. (continued on next page)

## **In addition to Case Management services, the Center has other opportunities as well:**

- \*An exercise room and exercise classes
- \*Social events such as BINGO, card games, pool tournaments, and coloring club
- \*Van transportation to the Center and other local destinations
- \*Blood pressure checks, massages, foot and fingernail care and Durable Medical Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc....) available to borrow
- \*Lunches at the Center and The DeForest Family Restaurant on Wednesdays
- \*Volunteer opportunities

Interested in visiting the Center? You are always welcome to stop by for a tour, we are open on weekdays from 9am– 4pm. We are located at 505 North Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532. Our phone number is 608-846-9469. We would love to see you!

## **Spring Forward**

A reminder to move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to see if they need new batteries. If you change your ceiling fan directions by season, most fans are to turn clockwise in the winter and counter clockwise in the summer (as you look up at them).

## **Town Brush Site Opens**

The Town of Vienna brush site will open for the season on Saturday, April 1st. The site is open and staffed from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Brush, tree limbs and yard waste are the only accepted items. Other types of wood, including treated wood and wood with nails are **NOT** accepted.

## **Town of Vienna Board Minutes February 6, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Breggeman. Supervisors Gary Endres, Karen Ingalls, Ron Rupp, Steve Ruegsegger and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present, Resident Jim Koltes

### **Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Endres, second by Rupp to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017 town board meeting. Ruegsegger abstained, not at last meeting. Motion carried (4-0)

**Discussion and possible action on Dane-Vienna Fire Contract:** Ruegsegger informed the board that this was discussed at the last Fire District meeting on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Fire board does not want a 3 member board, one from each municipality or a 5 member board, two from each Dane municipality and one from Vienna. The fire board wants to maintain a 4 member board and if there is a tie vote, an arbitrator would be appointed. This would be only after the board makes three attempts to break the tie amongst the 4 member board. If Vienna does not agree to this, than the existing contract from 1961 would stay in place. Rupp indicated there would be a time limit for the three attempts to break a tie vote. Endres asked who is opposed to the 5 member and Ruegsegger said all the fire board members. Discussion followed of other options for coverage that would be reasonable. Ruegsegger will request a vote for a 5 member fire board at the next meeting so it can be in recorded in the minutes. Motion by Rupp, second by Ruegsegger to table the Dane-Vienna Fire agreement. Motion carried (5-0)

**Amend Resolution 1-19-15 Designating Officials Registering Voters on Election Day:** Clark explained that the purpose of this change was to remove reference to Special Registration Deputies as officials since these positions no longer exist due to the changes in election administration. Motion by Endres, second by Rupp to amend Resolution 1-19-15 Designating Officials Registering Voters on Election Day. Motion carried (5-0)

**Operator's Licenses:** None

**Town Supervisor Reports:** Supervisor Ruegsegger already discussed the last Dane-Vienna Fire board meeting held Monday, January 30, 2017. Chairman Breggeman's meeting with DeForest Senior Center is on February 14, 2017. Supervisor Ingalls next meeting with Waunakee EMS is Thursday, February 9, 2017. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire was last week and the new chief and officers were introduced. DaneCom is working well but there are still a few dead stops. Overall the fire department is happy with the new system.

**Town Clerks Report:** Clark and Benson attended a municipal meeting at Windsor Village Hall on Thursday, February 2nd regarding the DOT I90/94/39 alternate routes expansion project. Two of the proposed four alternate routes have been eliminated. Another meeting is scheduled for early March with the surrounding municipalities again. This one will have our legislative representatives for the areas impacted to add some pressure against the added routes. A resolution supporting only the expansion of the existing corridor route and opposing the alternate routes has been adopted by some of the surrounding municipalities.

Clark will present a resolution for Town of Vienna at the next meeting. Johnson Block will be in next Tuesday to begin the 2016 audit. Next Monday at the Plan Commission meeting, a representative from the Department of Administration will be presenting information on how the state is addressing Event Barns that are becoming more popular. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses:**

Motion by Rupp, second by Ingalls to approve the bills as stated and pay the current town bills as submitted in the amount of \$80,510.06; Payroll \$20,972.93; Town Bills \$39,762.19; Utility 1 \$11,435.75 and Utility 2 \$8,339.19. Motion carried (5-0).

**Adjourn:** Motion by Rupp, second by Ruegsegger to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Prepared by:** Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

**Note:** These draft minutes are subject to approval at the February 20, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

## **Town of Vienna Board Minutes February 20, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Breggeman. Supervisors Gary Endres, Karen Ingalls, Ron Rupp, Steve Ruegsegger and Clerk Kathy Clark Treasurer Nikki Roessler and Patrolman Scott Benson were present. Also present, Resident Dave Ripp and Pastor Jerry Grimshaw

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

**Public Comment:** Dave Ripp introduced himself and was attending the meeting to listen to the board discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Rupp, second by Ruegsegger to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 town board meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

**International Harvest Ministries Claim for Excessive Assessment:** Pastor Grimshaw provided an overview of the issue. The building was purchased in 2014 and the property was taxed in 2015 since the ministry was unaware that paperwork had to be filed with the state for exempt status. In early 2016, paperwork was filed and approved for exempt status with the assessor but the property was not removed from the property tax roll. Initially the Pastor was informed that the tax did not have to be paid but in the last week of January, the county confirmed tax had to be paid to file this claim for refund. If this claim is approved, the Town will refund the taxes paid for 2016 and will receive reimbursement in August as part of the final settlement. The board requested that the assessors attend the next board meeting to discuss this issue, along with others that have occurred.

Motion by Endres, second by Ingalls to approve the International Harvest Ministries Claim for Excessive Assessment. Motion carried (5-0)

**Operator's Licenses:** Two applications were submitted for review from BP Allstop. Review of the both applicants was discussed and upon completion, two separate motions were made. Motion made by Rupp, second by Ruegsegger to approve the first application, Rasmussen, for an operator's license. Motion carried (5-0). Further discussion on the second application took place. Motion by Ingalls, second by Rupp to approve the second application for an operator's license. Motion denied (2-3)

**Town Supervisor Reports** Supervisor Ruegsegger next meeting with the Dane-Vienna Fire board will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Ruegsegger requested an agenda item to make it a five member board. Supervisor Rupp attended the Plan Commission meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Mistele from the DOA Business Development presented on the topic of event barns, including handouts and examples of other event barns across the state. Chairman Breggeman's meeting with DeForest Senior Center was on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Repairs to the building have been discussed and bids are now being requested. Supervisor Ingalls meeting with Waunakee EMS was February 16<sup>th</sup>. Members received reviews with and the department is running good. Supervisor Endres meeting with Waunakee Fire is scheduled for next week.

**Town Clerks Report:** The Spring Primary Election is tomorrow for a state position. The turnout is expected to low turnout. Wednesday we have to close the office for a few hours to bring results to the county. Next Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Clark will be off for the day a closing on newly purchased property. Stoeckler will be in the office for most of the day but the office will close at 2pm that day.

**Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses:**

Roessler explained the large payments were due to the February tax settlement with the county. Ruegsegger inquired about the utility 1 energy bill. Clark will look into it and follow up tomorrow. Motion by Ruegsegger, second by Rupp to approve the bills as stated and pay the current town bills as submitted in the amount of \$1,027,797.64; Payroll \$4,415.34; Town Bills \$1,022,426.53; Utility 1 \$850.22 and Utility 2 \$105.55. Motion carried (5-0).

**Adjourn:** Motion by Endres, second by Rupp to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Prepared by:** Kathleen Clark, Town Clerk

**Note:** These draft minutes are subject to approval at the March 6, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

## **Vienna Town Board Meeting Agenda**

### **Monday, March 6, 2017**

The Vienna Town Board will meet on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, located at 7161 County Highway I, DeForest, WI. The agenda for that meeting includes the following:

Call the regular Town Board meeting to order

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Approve or amend the minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular board meeting

Discussion and possible action on the April Electronics Recycling program

Discussion and possible action with the Assessor, Gardiner Appraisal Service

Operator's Licenses

Town Supervisor Reports

Town Clerk's Report

Review and authorize payments of current town and utility bills, wages and expenses.

Adjourn