

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 19, 2016

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Hiles was called to order at 6 p.m. by chairman Karl Tauer. Also present from the board, Doris Lovrine, Brian Bukovic, supervisors; clerk Cathy Votis and treasurer Judy McKay-Burkey. Minutes from last year were read. Motion to accept Vic Burkey, second Tom Carlstedt. Vote all aye. None nay. Motion carried. Financial report was reviewed by clerk after short discussion, motion by Dave Houle to accept, second Jan Rausch. Vote all aye. Tauer now opened meeting to the public: Tom Carlstedt spoke on the proposed addition to Fire Station B and the need for it. Bill Foltz asked the board if the town could pass an ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms because he feels that the way things are poses a danger to public safety. This was discussed and the board said that they will look into what can be done legally on this. Doris Lovrine addressed the public with concerns she has with having elected clerk and treasurer positions with the way technology and new laws have changed the scope of these positions she would like to see them become appointed possibly combine the two positions. She also stated that requirements can be made for the positions and if no one from the town were qualified the board can go outside the town to appoint. Suggest the board start thinking about this. Mark Ferris asked about compensation and agreed there is a need for qualified personnel. Marilyn Pfeiffer agreed that this should be done. Bob Mahon who is not a town resident but goes to lots of town meeting said that many have gone this route. After more discussion, chairman Tauer asked the people present by a show of hands if they felt this would be good for the town. The majority raised their hand. Vic Burkey asked about playground. Bukovic stated that hopefully a bathroom will be in place this summer and electric. Water could be a problem, but maybe could get a line from the town hall. Will work on this. Marilyn Pfeiffer asked if the board would let the service club know when and if insulation work is done on hall. Bob Heyn asked about paint on hall. It should be repaired this spring! No other concerns. Motion to adjourn Dave Houle, second Dick Rausch. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.