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## Public Notice - Town of Richford Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 6:00PM Richford Town Hall - W11127 Cumberland Road, Coloma, WI 54930

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Verification of Public Notice
- 3. Approve minutes from April 17, 2024 Annual Town Meeting
- 4. Set date for 2026 Annual Town Meeting (April 21, 2026 or within 10 days after)
- 5. 2024 Annual Report
- 6. Public Comments and Discussion
- 7. Business pursuant to §60.10 Wis. Stats.
- 8. Adjourn

Dated April 5, 2025

Meeting notice posted or published as follows: Johann's Bar and Grill LLC, The Rusty Nail LLC, townofrichfordwi.gov, Richford Town Hall.

## TOWN OF RICHFORD - APRIL 17, 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Present Town Chair Robert Wedell, Clerk Julia Staehler. Also present was Dave Paulus, Mike McLay, Delores Bruch, Kenny Bruch, and Mike McLay.

- 9. Call to Order Chair Robert Wedell called the Town of Richford Annual Town Meeting to order at 6PM on Wednesday April 17, 2024 in the Richford Town Hall.
- 10. Verification of Public Notice public notice verified by Julia Staehler.
- 11. MOTION by Mike McLay to approve minutes from April 18, 2023 Annual Town Meeting as presented. Second by Kenny Bruch. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote 5-0.
- 12. Set date for 2025 Annual Town Meeting. MOTION by Delores Bruch to hold the 2025 Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday in April 2025 (April 15, 2025) at 6PM. Second by Mike McLay. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote 5-0.
- 13. 2023 Annual Report: MOTION by Delore Bruch to approve the 2023 Annual Report with the \$2,724.59 descrepancy as presented. Second by Mike McLay. Discussion: Julia is attending a workshop with UW-Extension on Friday for assistance with the report. While expenditures are fine, the issue seems to lie in revenues. To date the checkbook does balance. Motion carried by voice vote 5-0.
- 14. Public Comments and Discussion: Kenny asked about the potholes and noted that Dakota Av, Newton's section, is really nonexistent. Bob is not sure if that town completes an annual road review and is aware the condition is very poor. During our road review potholes were recorded and are scheduled to be fixed. Quotes are in the works for road re-surfacing and to ditch the rustic road for proper drainage. We roughly have \$179,000 left in the road budget plus approximately \$64,000 in ARPA funding. Delores asked about the blind curve signage requested last year. Julia indicated it was ordered and received last year. Bob will speak with Gary about installing.
- 15. Business pursuant to §60.10 Wis. Stats. Julia read what can be addressed statutorily. MOTION by Mike McLay to raise all town official pay including the stipend 10% when possible. Second by Delores Bruch Discussion: Mike indicated he believes the town remains at the bottom of list for salaries. Julia affirmed this and shared the history of salary increases since 2005 when she came on board. It was expressed by members of the town board present they consider the positions to be of public service first and formost, and thanked Mike for the motion. Dave noted he did not even know it was paid position. Julia added that there are some towns that have difficulty paying their bills and believes that could partially be because of higher salaries. The increase will become effective with the next group of board members April 2025. Motion carried by voice vote 5-0.

Julia indicated her sister will help her begin cleaning grave stones. Delores added the gentleman from Gravesavers does a fabulous job and has worked on several cemeteries in the area. Julia has his business card and will reach out to him for advice. There was discussion on how best to care for the flower bed and Julia recruited Dave to assist with watering. The plan is to see if native grasses will thrive in the middle with vining flowers on the perimeter. Julia asked about the cost of gravestone

flags. Kenny indicated about \$800 worth of flags are placed annually area cemeteries by volunteers. Anyone wishing to donate flag funds may contact Delmer Meyer of the Dakota-Richford Legion Post. Mike Meyer is also a contact. The 3x5 flag has been donated numerous times by Kenny and Delores. Delores brought up the safety of the well platform. That platform will be inspected to ensure it is safe. The well is unusable and should perhaps be filled. This issue will be looked into as well. Julia and Ryan have talked about replacing the shed on the property so Petie can store maintenance equipment. Bob asked whose liability it is if the shed is broken into and Julia responded that is not on the town. Once plans and the cost become more clear the shed issue will be brought to the full board.

Following a call for any additional questions or discussion, Bob Wedell thanked all who attended and asked for a motion to adjourn.

6:45PM		by Kenny	Bruch to	adjourn.	Second	by	Delores	Bruch.	Meeting	adjourned	at
Submitted b	y Julia Staeł	nler, Clerk									