



# Town of Wagner



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**TOWN OF WAGNER  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2022**

**Attendance:** Steve Renikow Sr., Ed Delfosse, Mollie Arthur, Cassie Brown, Margo Renikow, Mike Caylor, Rita Renikow, Jason Christiansen, Linda Fronsee, Wade Fronsee, Steve Renikow Jr., Mike Lynch, Girard Micksch, Sam Marzhal, Greg Polomis, Ginny Polomis, Aaron Caylor, Roy Geurts, Jim Brown, Julie Brown, Kathy Philipps, Keith Sladky, Darcy Hermes, Todd Hermes, Mary Ann Kowalski and Shirley Prudhomme with the Peshtigo Times.

1. Call the Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Supervisor Mollie Arthur read the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting. Motion to approve the 2021 minutes (Mike Caylor/Linda Fronsee) Motion carried, no negative vote.
4. Clerk Cassie Brown discussed the 2021 annual financial report.
5. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the wages would need to be set for the next Town Board. Clerk Cassie Brown stated the last increase was 5%. Julie Brown stated it should remain at 5%. Linda Caylor questioned if this was comparable to other towns. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. and Clerk Cassie Brown stated they do not have a comparison. Motion to approve 5% wage increase for next elected Town Board (Julie Brown/Darcy Hermes) motion carried, no negative vote.
6. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the flag pole at the Town Hall needs to be replaced and suggested placing it out front. Steve Renikow Jr. stated Renikows Skidsteer Service would donate time if any ground work would be necessary.
7. Julie Brown suggested placing a historical sign with information for several landmarks in the Town at the Recycling Center. The cost estimate is \$2,500 and a decision will need to be made regarding how it will be funded. The Historical Society is meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 if anyone would like to add input.
8. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated \$2,000 was approved to pay the Deputy Clerk for the remainder of the current term, and then a decision would have to be made regarding pay. Clerk Cassie Brown stated \$767 has been paid. Steve Renikow Jr. questioned if this could be revisited once the full \$2,000 had been used. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated it would be discussed at that time.
9. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated several improvements had been made at the Town Hall that will be reported under the ARPA Grant. These include the water softener and air purification system that should kill bacteria in the air.

10. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated upcoming road work needed to be discussed. The Town applied for LRIP funding for another mile of Broennenberg Rd. but has not received approval from the State yet. This stretch would receive 6 inches of gravel instead of 4 inches. Steve Renikow Jr. questioned if this would go over the hill on Broennenberg and if better areas could be bypassed. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the gravel is used where it is needed and spread out on the worst areas. The cost estimate for one mile is \$187,000. LRIP funding would reimburse \$27,000 if approved. Supervisor Mollie Arthur questioned if there was anything the Town could do regarding the gravel in the road from the snowmobile trail. Wade Fronsee stated in the past it was requested to clear the right of way to keep snowmobiles off the road. It could be suggested the snowmobile club brush this area to prevent them from using the road. A member of the public stated sections from the last project on Broennenberg are not level and the Town should watch that going forward. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated funding for the culvert and bridge project on Cottage Lane has been approved, but only 70%. The cost estimate is \$865,000. The state estimated the cost to be \$805,000 and will reimburse \$558,000. The remaining cost would be paid by the Town. The project has to be paid for to apply for reimbursement, so the Town would have to decide between a short-term loan or increasing the levy. Engineers will have to work with DNR to determine options for restructuring. Any cost above the estimate would be the Town's responsibility. The suggestion is to complete this project as soon as possible as the cost will continue to increase over time. There is a new infrastructure bill that will allow funds towards roadwork, but an engineering firm would have to plan the entire project. The reimbursement percentage is higher, but the cost will also significantly increase and may not be offset by the additional reimbursement.
11. Steve Renikow Jr. stated he would like the Board to address improving the lot next to the Lake Mary Boat Launch by possibly expanding it for parking or clearing a side of the dock for a beach. This would help with public concern regarding swimming off the dock, and the Wagner Sportsman's Club would fund any brushing that would need to be done. Public concern was addressed regarding private property on this side of the lot. Steve Renikow Jr. stated a land survey would have to be done prior to changing anything.
12. Mike Caylor stated he would like the Town to consider a reserve for a new fire department building. The building has been outgrown and no longer suits their needs. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. questioned if the fire department has a cost estimate. Mike Caylor stated he does not have this information. Wade Fronsee estimated it would be \$200,000. Steve Renikow Jr. questioned if building the new fire department would interrupt service. Mike Caylor stated it is possible only the front half needs to be rebuilt, or use the current building for public works. Steve Renikow Jr. asked if the Town had land that could be used. Mike Caylor stated he was not sure how much land the Town owns past the propane tank. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. questioned if the Fire Department would be willing to match some of the funding. Mike Caylor stated it could be discussed.
13. Steve Renikow Jr. stated he is a Wagner resident and representing the Wagner Sportsman's Club. He would like the no wake hours on Lake Mary to be from 4PM-10AM. Rita Renikow also stated she would like the same hours. A petition with 104 signatures was received from members of the Lake Association supporting no ordinance at all. Mike Caylor asked how many of these signatures were residents. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. questioned how many properties were on Lake Mary. Wade Fronsee estimated there are 67 properties on the Lake. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated he calculated 24 properties were represented on the petition. Sam Marzhal stated 56 properties are on the water. Steve Renikow Jr. stated he did not want this issue to be about fisherman versus boating. Mike Caylor stated this is about preserving wildlife as well. Linda Fronsee stated there was a sign with

no wake hours and had no issues. Wade Fronsee stated he owns property near the lake and the noise during wake hours is apparent. He is also concerned about destroying the habitat near the shore line. Linda Fronsee is concerned about emissions in the water doing damage. Public concern regarding fisherman being harassed was addressed. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the DNR can regulate this issue. Public concern was raised as to why the water line is being maintained so high. The water line was determined by a lake study and is maintained accordingly. A vote was taken to determine if the Town electors are in favor of having an ordinance. 19 members of the public voted in favor of having an ordinance, no negative vote. Roy Geurts stated the DNR has a published document regarding how to create an ordinance that could be useful and thanked the Board for re-evaluating the situation.

14. Chairperson Steve Renikow Sr. stated the 2023 annual meeting would be set for the second Tuesday of April 4/11/23.

15. MOTION (Wade Fronsee/Rita Renikow) to adjourn the annual meeting at 6:56 PM.  
Motion carried, no negative vote.

Submitted by: Cassie Brown, Clerk