

**Minutes**  
**Town of Durand Annual Meeting**  
**Held on April 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

By Chairman Stan Ridgeway at 6:03 p.m.

**Attending this meeting:**

Stan Ridgeway, Mark Weiss, Penny Bauer, Lisa Ridgeway, Audrey Bauer, Daniel G. Bauer, Daniel J. Bauer, Dale Heck, Steve Berger, Rick Bauer, Chris Kees-Winkler, Helen Kees, Nan Setterlund

**Approve Minutes:**

**4-18-17 Annual Meeting**

Minutes of the April 18, 2017 Annual Meeting were read. Motion made by Chris Kees-Winkler, and seconded by Daniel J. Bauer to approve April 18, 2017 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**05-11-17 Special Town Meeting**

Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Special Town Meeting were read. Motion made by Stan Ridgeway and seconded by Mark Weiss to approve the May 11, 2017 Special Town Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**11-14-17 Special Meeting of The Electors**

Minutes of November 14, 2017 Special Meeting of the Electors were read. Motion made by Steve Berger and seconded by Stan Ridgeway to approve the November 14, 2017 Special Meeting of the Electors minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

**2017 Financial Report**

January 1, 2017 beginning balance: \$377,346.41, December 31, 2017 ending balance: \$417,997.85. After everyone took time to review the 2017 Financial Report, Steve Berger made a motion to accept the report as presented. Daniel G. Bauer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Dale Heck reported that there is a gouge on Dorwin's Mill Rd that needs repair. Chairman Stan Ridgeway will call the Pepin County Highway Department.

Rick Bauer stated that the Town of Durand has a huge ongoing nitrate issue causing health problems and making properties unsellable. Rick believes the problems are coming from old, failing manure pits.

After further discussion regarding the nitrate problem, Helen Kees made a motion for the Town of Durand to adopt a resolution with the purpose of promoting and endorsing the composting of livestock manure. Chris Kees-Winkler seconded the motion.

The following Resolution was read:

The Town of Durand hereby requests that the Pepin County Board of Supervisors encourage, promote, and endorse the composting of ~~livestock~~ liquid manure in an effort to arrest the leaching of nitrates to our groundwater thereby protecting the health and general welfare of the residents of Pepin County.

Helen Kees stated that she would like to make an amendment to replace “livestock” with “liquid”. Chris Kees-Winkler seconded the amendment.

A vote by show of hands was taken:

12 yes, 0 no, with 1 abstaining

Motion passed

Stan Ridgeway stated that he will be placing an article in the Courier Wedge bringing notice to the resolution and details on testing water for nitrates.

Dale Heck asked if draft minutes could be placed on the town website. Clerk Lisa Ridgeway stated that she will contact WTA and post the minutes if permitted.

### **Set date for Annual Meeting of 2019**

The next Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 6:00pm.

### **Adjourn,**

Steve Berger motioned to adjourn, and Rick Wayne seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Lisa Ridgeway, Clerk