Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Troy was called to order by Chairperson Doug Rowen at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 15th 2025, at the Town Hall.

Town Board Members present: Chairperson Doug Rowen, Supervisor Ray Knapp, Supervisor Lowell Enerson, Supervisor Jan Cuccia, and Supervisor Alicia Schneider. Others present included Clerk/Treasurer April Fredrick, Administrator David Carlson, Jill Berke, Mike Kretz, Kathy Enerson, Ruth Knapp, Dan Pearson, Karl Nilsen, Dave Steward, Greg Johnson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes: Mike Kretz moved to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Ruth Knapp seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Member Wages for Approved Work: Kathy Enerson moved to approve Board Member wages to follow the standard pay rate schedule for approved positions. Jan Cuccia seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Doug Rowen: Doug Rowen thanked Kelly Neidermyer, Ruth Whall, and Ben Jansen for their contributions to the Town during their employment. Rowen thanked Nicky Thompson and Christine Hines during elections and the Clerk/Treasurer transition for their support.

Rowen discussed the Town updated Standardized Employee Policies and implemented a new handbook. The Town introduced revised roles of Boards and Commissions, a PTO policy for both part-time and full-time staff, health insurance reimbursement, and retirement contributions. With these introductions, the Town has been able to create consistency across all departments and enhance employee retention and recruitment while setting a new basis for future enhancements.

Rowen presented on the Plan Commission and Land Use updates. 38 new houses were built in Troy in 2024. Nine Land Use Applications came through the Town- of them two rezones, four Certified Survey Maps, one Site Plan Review, one Amended Conditional Use Permit, and one Planned Use Development. Rowen commented on the better functionality and tools the Town has introduced such as the Interactive Zoning Map with Farm Plans and Conservation Easement documents.

Doug Rowen and Ray Knapp both commented a special thanks to Jan Cuccia for her 18 years of service and for all the strong work she put forward to achieve goals for the Town.

April Fredrick: April Fredrick discussed draft end-of-year 2024 financials. Fredrick highlighted Intergovernmental Revenues went up significantly due to an increase in State Shared Revenue. Building Permits account showed a variance due to classification between all building, utility, and driveway permit revenues. Expenditure on Solid Waste increased significantly due to a new service agreement. Comprehensive Zoning Code expenditure increased as more work was completed for the planned update.

Ray Knapp: Ray Knapp presented service agreement maps under both Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The negotiations on the service agreements have been taking place since 2019. The EMS boundaries will shift as of February 1st of 2025. Knapp noted the service agreements took into consideration for both response times and insurance rates for homeowners.

Lowell Enerson: Lowell Enerson addressed the Coulee Trail Road Project Grant was approved for 1.2 miles of road work. The grant reimbursement rate awarded was 70/30. The Town will plan to work on Ilwaco Road in addition to Coulee Trail in 2025. Enerson commented on the affordability the Town will see due to the work completed will be by the St. Croix County Highway Department. The Town would have paid an estimated two and a half times more if the project went out to bid through an engineering firm.

Enerson noted the finalization of Sykora Lane transfer to the Town, which came in under budget. He thanked the residents and members of the Town for working together to achieve this goal.

Alicia Schneider: Alicia Schneider discussed her history with the Town being on the Park Board for nine years. She will spearhead the communications of the Town which will include new signage for Public Works, Disposal Center, Town Hall, and other sites. She will work towards establishing Brand Standards for the Town. She has grown the News and Notices subscription list – and reclaimed the Facebook page.

Schneider presented on Cove Boat Ramp and the change from a sticker permit to a hang-tag permit to match the standards set forth by the County.

Furthermore, Schnieder discussed Glover Park. The Playground was resurfaced which led to a happier resident population being able to use the South Field, new sandbox, the newly added Memorial Park Bench for the Enloe Family, the Bike Repair Shelter added an air pump and tools, remarked the hiking trails, and noted how popular the Pavillion and Kitchen Reservations have been.

Jan Cuccia: Jan Cuccia presented her work completed on the National Scenic Riverway signage. Both Afton and the Town of Troy have unified signs that address points in the Riverway. The work she completed for the signage demonstrated the possibility of multi-municipality and multi-state partnerships working together.

Resident Comments/Questions:

Mike Kretz, 256 Troon Court, inquired about Special Assessments and how to predict the future needs in the Town. Kretz also asked clarifying questions about the assigned vs. unassigned fund designation balance of the Town.

Kathy Enerson, 293 Townsvalley Rd, commented on how functional Beacon [St. Croix County Interactive Map] is, and how helpful the Town's Interactive Map is.

Ray Knapp, 521 Trillium Lane, mentioned how functional the Town's Interactive Map is. Knapp noted the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) tracking was helpful to plan for future road projects. Knapp answered Kretz questions about the assigned vs. unassigned fund designation balances.

Jill Berke, 247 Carlson Lane, Asked the Town to share Town Board Meeting Packets in a more transparent way. She also commented on neighboring annexations and if the Town was concerned about Town Boundaries.

Jan Cuccia moved to set the date for the 2026 Annual meeting as the 3rd Tuesday in April, also known as April 21st, 2026. Alicia Schneider seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to host the meeting at 7pm in the Town Hall. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jill Berke moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Dave Steward seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.