

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order 7:01 p.m., with Chairman Homb, Supervisor Bean, Clerk Dimick and Treasurer Haas present. Supervisor Holtz arrived at 7:10

The minutes from the September Town Board meeting were reviewed and approved with **a motion** by Supervisor Bean, second by Chairman Homb. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with **a motion** by Supervisor Bean, Second by Chairman Homb. **Motion carried.**

County Representative Report: No report

2020 Estimates for Next Year's Budget: Preliminary estimates of Revenue and Expenses were presented to the Board for review. The allowable Tax Levy is \$222,132.

Public Hearing for 2019 Budget & Special Town Meeting- There was a motion by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to set the Budget Hearing and Special Town Board meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. **Motion carried.**

There was **a motion** by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to set the Agenda Items for the Special Town Meeting to include:

1. To set the hourly wages for Town Officials pursuant to s. 60.37(4) of Wis. Statutes
2. To approve the 2019 total tax levy to be collected in 2020 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.

Motion carried.

Road Maintenance: Rain has prevented the installation of the culverts on Partner. Supervisor Bean followed up on the repair of the bridge on Dairy. It should be fixed next week. Becker Trucking will complete the grading of town roads. Road base will be added to Rose Road. Roads with Road Base are holding up well in the rain.

Chairman Homb reviewed the Wood County Winter Maintenance Agreement. This allows the Town to contact the County if assistance is needed with plowing, salting or sanding which can help in an emergency.

Lease Agreement: Chairman Homb will review the lease with Jim Mann for the use of the storage building. The Town equipment will be removed from the Milladore Town Hall by October 31st.

Contract for Needs Assessment: Chairman Homb reported that Keller could be contracted to complete a needs assessment for building. Supervisor Holtz suggested we start with a consult with Bob Lewiski instead. He can help the Town determine the requirements of the building including what ventilation is needed and if bathroom facilities are required in the building. He charges \$45/hour. There was **a motion** by Supervisor Holtz to meet with Bob to discuss further, second by Supervisor Bean. **Motion carried.**

Update on Multimodal Grant: Chairman Homb is working on the application.

Election Security and Equipment Grant: The Wisconsin Election Commission is offering grants of up to \$1200 to municipalities, focused on election security, to cover things like computers, software, IT

services and training. There was a motion by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz authorizing Clerk Dimick to submit the Memorandum of Understanding to apply for the grant. **Motion carried.**

Recycling Center: Rosie Ewoldt agreed to fill in as the Town of Sherry Representative with the Board approval until the end of this fiscal year. The Board should consider a new Town Representative for next year and remember that the appointee will be signing as a Representative of the Board, so it has historically been a board member. Rosie also agreed to stay on as the Secretary-Treasurer for 1 more year.

Fairview Cemetery: Rosie Ewoldt has completed the mapping spreadsheet as far as she can. Ashley Hollar was a great help in re-formatting the spreadsheet. Rosie would like the Town Board to thank her for her willingness to help. Rosie is creating a binder with any Obituaries and List of Burials to maintain at the Town Hall. A big Thank You to Bev Peaslee for her work in obtaining several of the obituaries over the years. Rosie will continue to look for additional obituaries through the newspaper archives at the library. She updated the List of Burials, originally from the Heart of WI Genealogy Group (Bev Peaslee is part of this group) to add new burials since 2014, plus obituaries or news articles found in archives and cross-referenced the Plot and Gravesite number with the Cemetery Mapping spreadsheet. Some of the people buried at "Sherry Cemetery or Fairview Cemetery" do not have visible markers or headstones. We can only assume they are buried in the front part closest to Dairy Road. Rosie will continue doing research.

The Town Board should consider appointing a Board Member to oversee selling gravesites and marking graves for future burials. There was a motion by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean authorizing Supervisor Bean as the Town Representative for the Cemetery. **Motion carried.** Clerk Dimick will update the Town Website.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: There was a motion by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to transfer \$50,000 from the tax savings account to checking. **Motion carried**

Pay Bills: There was a motion to pay bills, except for the payment to Keller for the needs assessment, by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean. **Motion carried.** The check to Keller will be voided.

Public Input: No input.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

1. Rosie located a copy of the Deed for the park from Virginia Anderton Lee to the Sherry Volunteer Fire Department
2. Resolution from the Wood County Board of Supervisors in support of county staff participation in the activities of the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative.
3. Upcoming meetings of the Citizens Groundwater Group- Monday October 21st and Monday November 16th.
4. USDA Rural Development notice of available funding programs.

Future Agenda Items: Contracts for Assessor, Ambulance, Fire Department and Agreement with Humane Society.

Chairman Homb adjourned the Holtz Bean meeting at 7:53 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, immediately following the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting.