

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Homb, Supervisor Bean and Supervisor Holtz, Clerk Ewoldt, Deputy Clerk Lobner and Treasurer Haas were present.

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

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

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: There was a **motion** by Supervisor Bean, Second by Supervisor Holtz to transfer \$214,000 from Tax Savings to Checking. **Motion carried. Amendment to Transfer from Tax Savings to Checking** required an additional \$100,000 transfer. The reason for the amendment was that \$100,807 of taxes collected in February, according to the Tax Settlement report from the County Treasurer, were deposited in the Tax Savings account rather than the checking account.

Pay Bills: **There was a motion to pay bills**, by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz. **Motion carried.**

County Representative – No report

Candidate Bill Voight: Unavailable

Recycling Center: The Recycling Board met on Saturday, January 22nd. There were 40 tons of recycling in 2021. This is 2 tons less than 2020. Fox Valley Iron & Metal will handle appliances for the White Goods Days. Tentative dates for White Goods Days will be May 14, 2022, and September 10, 2022. 1st Choice Recycling – Spencer is another option.

Cemetery: Additional donations were received from the Bud Vruwink family - \$245.

Building Permits – There were three single family building permits issued in 2021 with an estimated value of \$703,000.

Open Book and Board of Review: The Open Book will be held May 3, 2022, and the Board of Review will be held May 10, 2022, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Town Website Improvements: Clerk Ewoldt worked with TownWeb Design to make some changes to the Town's website. The Home page is now more compact by eliminating the scrolling pictures on the home page. The Government dropdown list was updated to move "Election Information", so it is in alphabetical order. The Assessor's name and telephone number were added to the footer. These changes should make the website a little more user friendly.

N-95 Masks Available: The Town received a supply of N-95 masks through the Wood County Health Department. The masks are free, and will be available, while supplies last, during Board Meetings, Annual Meeting and Elections.

Proposed County-Wide Water Testing Project – Village of Port Edwards: The Village Administrator, Raymond Bossert, sent an email to 34 communities in Wood County. He is concerned about the County's lack of assessment of water quality after testing numerous wells in the County. He would like to set-up a water testing system of 1,000 wells and analyze the results. He is asking each community to use \$10,000 of ARPA funding to finance the study. **There was a Motion** by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to not participate. **Motion carried.**

WisDOT – 2022 Federal Funding: Wisconsin Department of Transportation is asking local governments to review existing local program project opportunities in a statewide effort to use expected federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. Planning for the use of federal funding will start with two solicitations for local projects. The 2022 funding will be for construction projects only. The Town would need to submit project Plan, Specification and Estimate by April 1, 2022. There will be a second solicitation for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2026 funding, with the application due date of June 1, 2022. A Webinar was viewed today. There will be another webinar focused on Towns from the WTA on Feb. 23.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) message from Department of Revenue: The Wisconsin Department of Revenue Sent an email with Key Points to Consider when using the ARPA funding. One of the points was to avoid spending ARPA on expenses that negatively impact your levy limit. The Wisconsin Towns Association will likely address this point in more details at the upcoming District Meetings.

Roads/Bridges -Road Maintenance: There was a discussion about culverts.

Spring Primary: A Spring Primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Sherry Town Hall, for the School Districts of Auburndale, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Broadband Services: No report.

Correspondence and other updates:

- Wood County Highway Department will begin assessing a handling fee of \$20 for each load of material requiring an end loader at the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids locations.
- The Wood County Unit of the Towns Association will be held Friday, February 18, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Richfield Town Hall. The featured speaker is Ryan Haffele from Sandhill Game Wildlife Area.
- Received a promotional brochure from TDS offering a 2-year price lock for \$59.98/mo. The Business bundle would offer Internet speeds up to 15Mbps, 4-port wireless router, free installation, Unlimited local and long distance, caller ID, 3-way calling, voicemail and more. Add to agenda for next month.
- Power company will be doing tree trimming by power lines this spring.

Public Input:

Discussion on Recycling – tons of recycling and staffing.

Schedule Future Meetings, as required: District Meeting – Feb. 19

Future Agenda Items: Internet service for town hall.

There was motion by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.