

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m., with Chairman Homb, Supervisor Bean and Supervisor Hetze, Clerk Ewoldt, Deputy Clerk Dimick and Treasurer Haas present.

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

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

County Representative Report: No report

Wood County Natural Hazards Preparedness Survey: Wood County Emergency Management received a hazard mitigation planning update grant. The goal is to complete an approvable updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is designed to look at the risks and vulnerabilities that the county faces from natural disasters, and to highlight mitigation strategies that might reduce future losses to life and property. As part of the planning process, the Emergency Director, Steve Kreuser, asked each municipality to include a survey as an agenda item. The surveys will provide information to a workgroup of interested agencies and public members to develop a draft plan. Mr. Kreuser anyone from our town board, or general community to contact his if they would like to join the workgroup. Mr. Kreuser's telephone number is 715-421-8500. Chairman Homb will complete the survey and return it.

Town Advocacy Council Membership: The Town Advocacy Council is a subsidiary of the Wisconsin Towns Association to advocate for legislation that advances town government interest. The Council is asking our Town to support their lobbying efforts by becoming a member. The membership fee for the Town of Sherry is \$200.25. **There was a motion** from Supervisor Bean not to join the Town Advocacy Council at this time. Second by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

Refund of Taxes based on Classification Error: A request was received to refund a portion of taxes paid due to an assessment classification error on a 37.03-acre parcel. The parcel was classified as G5 – Undeveloped Land in the 2018 Assessment Roll. The taxpayer contacted Assessor Todd Pauls, and it was agreed that the parcel should have remained as G4- Agricultural. The Town of Sherry can refund the overpayment of taxes paid and submit a "chargeback" request to the Department of Revenue. **There was a motion** by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Hetze to refund the overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$472.64. **Motion carried.**

Recycling Center: The Recycling Board met on February 6th. The 2019 White Goods Days are set for May 11th and September 14th.

The 2018 Recycling Summary Report from Advanced Disposal shows 36 Tons of Recyclable Materials in 2018. This is down 10 Tons from 2017.

Ms. Ewoldt spoke to Dale Marth from Advanced Disposal. They do not collect any recyclables with their privately contracted customers in the Towns of Sherry or Milladore. They also talked about the decline in the amount of recycling, even though the Towns have been promoting the Recycling Center with brochures, surveys, etc. Mr. Marth said many towns see increased recycling if it is more convenient for the residents. He will prepare a proposal for the cost of curbside pick-up of recycling and garbage for each town to consider.

Fairview Cemetery: There was discussion about cemetery software or utilizing an Adobe fillable software to map and update the cemetery burials and sale of lots.

Spring Primary: Reminder: There is not a statewide, nor county-wide February primary. The only school district in the Town of Sherry with a primary is the Stevens Point School Board. Voters in the Town of Sherry, Stevens Point School District, have been informed that the polling place for this Spring Primary Election only, will be at the Village of Milladore Office.

Roads/Bridges: Road Maintenance: A notice was posted on the Town of Sherry website reminding residents not to plow snow from their driveways across town roads. Suggestion to send letters to residents who leave snow on town roads. The snow causes drifting points, impedes snow plow efforts, and creates hazards.

There was a discussion about road dips in culvert areas on some town roads. Becker Trucking was asked to add road materials in these areas. Becker Trucking will use their loader to remove snow from guardrail on Dairy Road.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: There was a motion to transfer **\$250,000** from tax saving to checking by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Bean. **Motion carried.**

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

Public Input: None

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- Edwin Hetze, Sr. was nominated for the Supervisor position at the January 8, 2019 Caucus. Mr. Hetze decided not to run for the position. He did not submit his nomination papers.
- The Town is now using QuickBooks Accounting software to track revenue and expenses and process checks.
- UW Extension sent a letter and flyer to notify the Town Board of the solar-ready community designation Wood County is pursuing through SolSmart, a Department of Energy program.
- We received two messages through the Town website, thanking our Snowplow Operator for the plowing and sanding after recent ice and snow events.
- A big Thank You to Dan Ladick for helping to shovel the town hall sidewalk and bulletin board area.
- There is a WTA Wood County Unit meeting Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Richfield Fire Station. Jason Brubaker will talk about ATV trails.
- The Winter 2019 Report for North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission was received and is available for review.
- Report from South Wood County Humane Society shows over 1200 animals came through their shelter in 2018. The Town of Sherry report shows 3 cats, 11 dogs and one hawk.
- Residents are encouraged to "subscribe to" the Town website to receive e-mails and/or text messages when Notices are added to the website. See the home page www.townofsherry.com.

Schedule Future Meetings, as required: None

Future Agenda Items: New Record Retention Schedule published by the State Historical Society.

Chairman Homb adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Rosie Ewoldt, Clerk	Date: February 15, 2019
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