

Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2012

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM with Board, Treasurer and Clerk present.

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

County Representative Report –Robert Ashbeck reported:

1. The County budget was passed today. The budget will remain the same as last year.
2. There is nothing new to report on Kickapoo Valley Cheese Corporation Board of Adjustment.
3. The County Board will meet on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance on Wednesday, November 20th at 9 AM.
4. Mr. Ashbeck received many letters regarding the proposed compensation rating system for Wood County Personnel. The Board will continue to study the proposal and comments.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann to Adopt the 2013 Budget General Government: \$43,820; Public Safety: \$75,973; Public Works – Highway - \$397,286 (with a not to exceed amount of \$ 411,786 from Public Hearing); Public works – Recycling \$14,500; Public Health – cemetery - \$2,100; Reserves - \$60,000 for Emergency/Equipment; \$35,000 Minimum Operating Reserve; Balance from 2012 for 2013 Highway. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Tom Reichert will be at the Sherry Town Hall on Monday, November 19, 2012 from 10-11 a.m. Anyone interested in talking to Sheriff Reichert is invited to meet with him during this time.

2013 South Wood County Humane Society Agreement was reviewed. The rate remains the same at \$75 per animal pick-up A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

2013 Contract with Assessor Pauls and Associates was reviewed. The fee remains the same at \$7,300 with a one-time charge of \$890 to enter sketches and pictures into their data base, as required by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. This is a

one year contract. A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a Collateralization Agreement with Pioneer Bank. The FDIC limit is \$250,000. The town's deposits exceed that limit during Tax Collection season. A motion was made by Chairman Homb, second by Supervisor Mann to request a Collateralization Agreement with Pioneer Bank for periods when deposits exceed the FDIC limit. Motion carried. Clerk Ewoldt will contact Pioneer Bank.

Tax Collection Bond was discussed. According to information from the Finance & Budget Training attended in Sept. 2012, the Tax Collection Bond Ordinance only covers the County's portion of tax collections – it doesn't protect our taxpayers. We should have a Bond to cover the Treasurer for the total risk of taxes collected, and other collections throughout the year, plus anyone else who should be covered. Cost estimated at : \$320 for \$500,000. A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to purchase a bond. Motion Carried. The Clerk will contact Rural Insurance for coverage. She will also check into the cost for Fidelity/Surety Bond for Clerk and Treasurer.

Speed Limits on Town Roads was discussed. The problem with posting signs is that there is no one to patrol the town roads. The Board declined to post speed limit signs on Town roads.

Current road work – The repair to the bridge on Hetze Road is complete except for the blacktop, to be completed in the spring. The culverts on Dairy Road have been installed. The blacktop will be completed in the spring. Grader Operator was asked to re-grade Paradise Road – spread road base out another foot. Trees should be trimmed on Swedish and Paradise Roads.

Letters should be sent to one landowner regarding material in the ditch and another landowner regarding personal property in the road right-of-way.

General Transportation Aid formulas report prepared by Clerk Ewoldt was presented (copy attached to official minutes). Conclusion shows that the Town will meet the 3-year average to receive the maximum Rate per Mile. The maximum Rate per Mile will be determined in the State's 2-year Budget passed in July 2013.

Town Hall Windows: The Clerk noted that one of the windows in the Town Hall does not close properly. The window crank and latch don't hold the window securely. Chairman Homb will get bids to fix that window for the winter, and look at all of the windows to see if they should be replaced.

Assistance with Costs of LED Lights/Decorations for Christmas Tree: A group of Sherry Residents have been providing a Christmas tree and other decorations for the Town Center for several years. The Christmas lights need to be replaced, so the group is asking for help with the costs of LED lights. The group was commended and thanked for providing the beautiful displays. A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, Second by Supervisor Hetze to reimburse the cost of lights/decorations up to \$442.97. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Towns Association "Resolution to Support a Constitutional Amendment for Fair Share for Local Roads" was discussed. A motion was made by Chairman Homb, with a second by Supervisor Hetze to approve the Resolution. Motion carried. The resolution was be edited and prepared for signatures.

A motion to pay bills was made by Chairman Homb, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

1. We received a letter from the State Department of Justice regarding our Coordination Plan. The letter included a copy of a formal Legal Opinion dated June 22, 2010 that was issued to Oneida County Corporation Counsel Desmond. Oneida County received "Notices of Coordination" from three towns. Oneida County asked if the Towns' Coordination Plans can legally imposes on other governmental units additional obligations that are not required by the municipal planning statutes. The State Department of Justice's Opinion is "No – Towns have no home rule powers but only those powers specifically delegated to them by the legislature. Copies of the letter and opinion have been sent or delivered to the Board and members of the Coordination Committee.
2. Clerk will be publishing a Notice on November 27th of local Spring Primary on February 19, 2012 and Spring Election on April 2, 2013.
3. ELECTION: We had 439 ballots cast. We had 510 voters on our Poll List plus we had 25 new registrants which included 7 registrants new to our town; 18 new voters – with an age range of 18 to 81. We had an 82% turn-out. Three students from Lincoln High School had a table for children to vote – called "Smart Vote." A letter was sent to their Advisor to thank the students for their participation in the Election.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Chairman Homb to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Rosie Ewoldt, Clerk Date: November 15, 2012