

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2014**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Chairman Homb, Supervisor Hetze, Supervisor Mann, Treasurer and Clerk present.

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

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

County Representative Report – Mr. Ashbeck reported that homeowners and/or landlords in Wood County may be eligible to receive funds through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The owner-occupied rehab loans maximum is \$25,000 with zero percent interest and deferred payment for Low-Moderate Income Families. The Program also has funding for low interest loans for repairing/rehabilitating rental properties occupied by Low-Moderate Income tenants. Brochures are available at the Town Hall, or through the Town Clerk. The funding is administered through Central Housing Region CDBG Program Administrators, Juneau county Housing Authority, 717 E. State St., Mauston, WI 53948 – Telephone (608)847-7309.

Mr. Ashbeck also reported funds are available through Wood County Office of Planning & Zoning under “The Wisconsin Fund” to replace a failing private onsite wastewater treatment system. The application for funds must be received before installing a new system. For further details contact the Planning and Zoning Office at (715)421-8466.

Recycling Center:

The 2013 Reports were submitted to DNR for the Town of Sherry and the Town of Milladore. The Town of Sherry received a Notice of Award for 2014. The grant amount is \$2,329.08.

IROW from Mosinee was providing recycling services. They notified Mr. Ashbeck that they can no longer provide service for the Sherry-Milladore Recycling Center. The Recycling Board met with Advanced Disposal. Dale Marth suggested a 28 cu. Yard covered dumpster. Recycling will be co-mingled. The container rental is \$140/month plus a hauling charge of \$165.

Contract with Advanced Disposal was approved by the Town of Milladore. The Contract term is 5 years. A motion was made to sign the contract with Advanced Disposal by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Employee Wage and Probationary Period: Survey conducted of area towns. Board reviewed the wages. The Town will continue to pay \$16.00 per hour, \$15.00 for the probationary period. No change from current policy.

Roads/Bridges: Bridge on Swedish Road is in poor condition. County Highway will inspect bridges and the town will work on bridges, as needed.

Road Bids for 2014: There are several roads that are cracked due to the severe winter. The Board will wait until snow melts to see what needs to be done.

A motion to pay bills was made by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. **Motion carried.**

Public Input:

There are several tires in the ditch on Lonely Road. Supervisor Mann will arrange to have the tires removed. Several tires have been dropped off at the Recycling Center.

Dave Homb talked with Ben Biery. Mr. Biery stated that DNR's unwillingness to work with them to expand, was the reason they were forced to look elsewhere. Jim Leytus still owns the building. We haven't heard from him about his plans. The move will hurt the town and the sanitary district.

Dick Becker reported that a street light isn't working. Alliant "fixed" the light, but it still isn't working.

There was a meeting at Vesper with the DNR where citizens and community leaders voiced their concerns with the new phosphorous limits for wastewater treatment plant discharge.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- **The Wood Co. WTA** meeting will be held Friday, April 18, 2014, at the Rock Town Hall. The guest speaker is Verlyn Randt on school bus services.
- **National Take Back Initiative Collection** – Unused Prescription Drugs drop-off will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This allows you to dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs. Drop-off sites in our area include the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department at City Hall; Marshfield Police Department will be at Shopko in Marshfield, Pittsville Police Department at 5318 First Ave., Pittsville, Wood County Sheriff's Department at Riverview Clinic, 410 Dewey St., Wisconsin Rapids. For more information go to: <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/> "Rx Take-Back Day" tab.
- **The Town Clerk** received an e-mail from Verizon. The inquiry asked is permits were needed to swap out antennas at the cell tower located on Otilia Lane. Crews will be swapping three older technology antennas with newer antennas. There will not be a change to the tower's height and no change to the electric service at the site. All maintenance work will be done on the tower and there will be no ground disturbance. Estimated cost of the upgrade work is \$20,000.
- **The Town Clerk** received an e-mail from the Wood County Clerk's office asking for updates to the Wood County Directory.
- **Numerous Election Laws** were signed into law April 1, 2014. We're still waiting for guidance. One change that is effective immediately is the requirement to provide Proof of Residency for all new Voter Registrations. The Town Clerk received a synopsis of several assembly and senate bills from Representative Amy Sue Vruwink.
- **The Town Clerk** is working with the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Assessor, Auburndale School District and a landowner to correct the school district designation for taxing and election purposes.
- **Emergency Management – next week is severe weather week.**

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7 PM.