

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with Chairman Homb, Supervisor Hetze, Supervisor Mann, Treasurer and Clerk present.

The minutes from the December 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: Clean Sweep will be in the Town of Saratoga. Land Conservation is focusing on phosphorous. In response to a question from last meeting, Mr. Ashbeck reported that Wood County employees approximately 700 people.

Remote Participation by Town Board Members: Supervisor Mann will be out of town for a meeting. The Board established a policy to allow remote participation by cell phone on speaker with a motion by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried.

Employees – Job Announcements/Fill Vacancies: Paul Beranek has agreed to plow snow – doing a good job. Wages set at \$20 per hour by a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried. Larry Pelot, grader for plowing snow also set at \$20 per hour by a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Jean Becker has agreed to clean the town hall. Wages set at \$15 per hour by a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Recycling Center – Mr Ashbeck reported that the Recycling dumpster is full every other week. Solid waste compliance is better.

Sanitary District – The Town Board met with the Sanitary District on December 30, 2014. The Sanitary District provided all the records needed. Copies of the documents received were sent to the Attorney. Mrs. Peaslee researched library records for news articles dating back to the formation and merger of the Sanitary District.

The current appointment of commissioners is not in compliance with State Statutes. Chairman Homb talked to Commissioner Krzykowski about correcting the appointment process. Mr. Erickson from Wood County Treasurer's office provided a map using the assessment roll coding of sanitary district parcels. Former Clerk Richardson met with James Erickson to review the map, since the coding was done while she was Clerk. The map has been corrected to include the Weinfurter property on Vermillion St.

Town Records: Records were removed after a sewer pump failed and flooded the Town Hall. Some records were destroyed, but other records were taken to Supervisor Hetze's garage. Other records have been destroyed or released to the Historical Society or local museum after the records were eligible for disposal. Bev Peaslee requested to go through records to gather historical information, including the records in the garage, and records that were beyond their retention period during Clerks Richardson, Homb and Ewoldt's terms. Ms. Peaslee's efforts to document Sherry's history, is an admirable endeavor. However, the Town will request the records back to do a complete review to ascertain that records met the Records Retention Guidelines. The Sanitary District will also be asked to provide any additional Town Records they have been obtained.

Spring Primary –A Spring Primary is not necessary. The Spring Election will be held on April 7, 2015.

Roads/Bridges:

Road Maintenance –Sign: Supervisor Hetze reinstalled the caution signs by the bridge on Hetze Road. Arpin–Sherry Road has been fixed. There is a big dip on Hetze Road that needs fill.

Plow truck –A motion was made to order carbide blades by Chairman Homb, Second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried. Other repairs were made to the truck, including fixing a seal leak, new spring for plow wing, and new tire.

Town Hall Maintenance: Small maintenance items were discussed. The Clerk received an estimate from Advanced Janitorial for polishing & waxing the floor. Everything will have to be moved out of main room and hallway. Motion to approve the quote Advanced Janitorial bid of \$435, Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: Motion to transfer \$357,000 by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried.

A motion to pay bills was made by Supervisor Mann, to include a check to Paul Beranek, Jean Becker and pay IRS withholding taxes, second by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

Public Input: There was a question about the mileage rates now that gas prices are down – add to next month's agenda.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Wood County Unit of WTA will meet Friday, January 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Auburndale. The speaker will be Doug Passineau, Wood County Highway Commissioner, speaking on IOH.
- An e-mail from Town Web Design – hosting price increase from \$25/mo to \$33.33/mo. This is the first increase in seven years. The technical support and on-going training is still free.
- A Certified Survey Map was received for the Jere Haas property located on Vruwink Road from Planning and Zoning.
- A Poster was received from the South Wood County Humane Society regarding the "Souper Snow Sculpture Spectacular" scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Centralia Center in Wisconsin Rapids. The Poster was posted on the outdoor display in front of the Town Hall.
- A brochure was received from the Local Government Center – UW Extension, listing the WisLine Teleconference Series for Local Land Use and Planning and Zoning for the Winter/Spring 2015 series.
- A certification to the DNR was filed online for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Conservation Lands in the Town of Sherry.
- Clerk Ewoldt updated the town website to provide a link to the Department of Transportation Implements of Husbandry website. Clerk Ewoldt also uploaded the DOT – no fee permits to the Town website – www.townofsherry.com.
- The Wisconsin Towns Association District meeting is in Neillsville, Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.
- W-2 and W-3 Forms were filed online with the Department of Social Security. Copies of the W-2 forms were mailed to employees.
- Plastic bag milk containers from Kwik Trip are not recyclable per Advanced Disposal. The Clerk called Mrs. Richardson with the information after her inquiry at the December meeting.
- There are two Agricultural Community Engagement (ACE) Education Seminars in February – one in Wisconsin Dells and one in Green Bay. Clerk Ewoldt has the brochure.
- County/Township Technical Seminar – Jan. 21, 2015 at Hotel Mead. The Board will attend.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Rosie Ewoldt, Clerk

Date: January 14, 2015