

Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Homb, Supervisors Hetze and Mann, Treasurer Haas and Clerk Ewoldt present.

The minutes from the May 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.**

Report from Assessor: Todd Pauls reported that the biggest change is that the State Budget included a provision to change from local assessment to county level. He reported on a failed attempt to move to county assessment several years ago. Mr. Pauls met with a legislator to discuss the impact of the proposed changes. Mr. Pauls said there have been small changes each year, with more reports required by the Department of Revenue. The proposal in the State Budget would have meant a full value assessment every year. He recommends a change that would require a re-evaluation every few years. Question – when does the town need to be re-valued? Mr. Pauls reported that if the town's value is plus or minus 10% to similar area localities, a revaluation is not required under current procedures. The Town of Sherry's current valuation is 108%. The last re-evaluation was 2006.

Wood County Highway Representative: Unable to attend.

County Representative Report: Mr. Ashbeck reported that Health Committee will make the decision on Saratoga farm.

Recycling Center: Mr. Ashbeck reported that the billing from Asylum Scrap Services for the disposal of old TV's was a very good deal. The company billed for 32 TV's, but Mr. Ashbeck reported that there were many more TV's than what was billed.

Liquor and Operator Licenses: Retail Class B Liquor License approved for Daniel G. Ladick – Sherriland – Good Tymes; with a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze; Picnic License approved for Sherry Tired Iron Classics Annual Show; motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Operator License issued to Mary Roney with a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Temporary Operator Licenses for Sherry Tired Iron Classics Annual Show issued to Patrick Kremer, Paul Fuehrer, Brian Pecher and Fritz Miller, with a motion by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. All motions carried.

Roads/Bridges:

Bridges: Scott Whitsett from Jewell Associates presented the bids for the Swedish Road Bridge Replacement project. A motion to accept the bid from Earth Inc. in the amount of \$64,810.20 was made by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried. Wood County Floodplain permit was given to Scott Whitsett. Mr. Whitsett will prepare the contract documents for signature.

Peg Brooks asked that the Post Office be notified before construction. 715-457-2511. The approximate construction time is 3 weeks.

Road Maintenance – The Board reported there is not enough funding in the budget to do all of the work, unless funds from the reserve fund were depleted.

Kathy Reindl, Matthew Crane and others living on Flower Lane spoke about the road problems and their

concern with Road Base. Peg Brooks spoke about problems with road base on her road. She reported there is too much dust, which causes a driving safety hazard. You can't see oncoming traffic. The Board said there won't be enough money to blacktop roads with road base in the near future. Blacktop roads need maintenance, so that uses funding intended for blacktopping additional roads.

The Board will meet and review the four roads listed for road base, and make decisions. The Board decided to move forward with chipsealing Lobner Road, and Swedish Road. Larry Pelot reported areas that need granite. He will coordinate with Becker Trucking. Supervisor Hetze will contact Wisconsin Salt Solutions Div. to spread dustproofing on Partner Road and other locations, as needed.

Sanitary District – Election of Commissioners –a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sherry Town Hall. Clerk Ewoldt will present information from her research of the State Statutes and discussion with the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, on the process to change from the Appointment of Commissioners to an Election process. Representatives from the Boards of the Sanitary District, the Town of Milladore and Town of Sherry will attend. The meeting is open to the public.

Town Hall – Landscape Rock – a motion was made to add rock for the front and north side of the Town Hall by Mann, second by Hetze. Motion carried. Dick Becker will donate rock.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: There was a motion to transfer \$10,000 from Tax Savings to the Checking Account by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

There was a motion to pay bills made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Mann. **Motion carried.**

Public Input:

Mr. Hetze reported that Roger Ewoldt has been taking care of the lawn care at the cemetery. Roger spoke to Mr. Hetze and said that many of the bushes are overgrown and he wants permission to trim bushes. There was a discussion with the meeting attendees and the Board. The consensus is that Roger has authority to cut/trim whatever he feels is reasonable.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Wood County Unit of WTA will meet Friday, June 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Grand Rapids Fire Department. The agenda speaker is Justin Conner, Wood County Planning & Zoning GIS specialist.
- Clerk Ewoldt reported that the floors of the Town Hall were stripped and waxed by Advanced Janitorial Services of Wisconsin Rapids. Special thanks to Dave and Peggy Richardson, David Becker, Chuck Tesnow and Roger Ewoldt for helping to move the furniture and store it in David Becker's trailer, and to move it back into the town hall. The Board extended thanks to the volunteers.
- Special thanks to the Sherry Master Gardeners – Sandy Lobner and Sherri Tomlinson, for the flowers in the planters by the Town Hall.
- Four year maintenance postcards will be mailed to registered voters who have not voted in four years. Registered voters who wish to remain on the poll list should sign and return the postcard to the Town Clerk. Others that do not respond or the postcard is undeliverable will be removed from the active voter list.
- UW Extension sent an "Assurance of Nondiscrimination" to be signed and returned.
- Sandy Lobner provided a copy of a Fact Sheet on the Farm Technology Days for Wood County in 2018. The Fact Sheet contains information about applying to be a host farm. Contact Rosie Ewoldt, Town Clerk if you would like a copy.

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 on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.