Town of Sherry Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes July 14, 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 June 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.

Wood County Highway Representative: Not available.

County Representative Report: Mr. Ashbeck reported that there has been a lot of work done at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. He also reported that the Auburndale Ordinances and fines for the railroad were first approved by one Judge, and then overturned by another Judge.

Recycling Center: Mr. Ashbeck reported they were very busy at the Recycling Center.

Roads/Bridges:

Bridges: Jewell Associates sent our copy of the signed contract with Earth, Inc. to replace the bridge on Swedish Road. Dan deBoer reported that they will start the job within a month or so. They should be able to complete the work within a few days. Chairman Homb asked to have notice, so we can notify the Post Office.

Bridge Inspection reports to be done this month, according to County Inspector.

Road Maintenance – Mr. Pelot graded Partner, Paradise and Lang Roads. Shortly after he finished, someone came out with a 4-wheeler and tore it up. Some roads need dust-proofing. Supervisor Ed Hetze has contacted the dust proofing company and they will be here as soon as possible. Trees were on the roads –moved off the road and now in the ditch on Herman Road, Swedish Road, Rose & Lundberg – the Board asked Jeff Bean to remove the trees by a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Hetze, motion carried..

Town Hall – Landscaping – There was a discussion on the removal of all of the shrubs because they are overgrown and dead from snow/ice damage. The plan would be to add landscape rock and decorative planters. Chairman Homb will check into it.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to transfer \$87,000 from savings to checking. Motion carried.

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

Public Input:

There was a question on town truck – expenses. Chairman Homb gave figures from expense reports. The Board stated this was much less expensive that the purchase of a new truck. Auburndale budgets \$750.00/month. Question from Board – how many times did the truck plow snow? The Clerk will have this information for next month's meeting.

Cemetery – dirt & brush – Supervisor Hetze asked if anyone could haul it from the cemetery. There is also a dead tree. The tree was originally donated by Donna deBoer. Dan deBoer will check with Bill deBoer to see if he will remove the debris and tree. Cemetery fence line – trimming and spray for weed control.

The Town Hall had water on floor – the power was out, so sump pump wasn't operating. No damage noted.

There was a discussion about several buildings going up in the Town of Sherry without permits. Some buildings may be used for residential, even though they are technically described as sheds. We don't issue permits except housing and commercial buildings. Town of Arpin issues permits for anything over \$1,000. Supervisor Mann asked public to think about if the Town wants to consider a new ordinance for permits.

Bob Ashbeck - Farmland Preservation is available. The town has to be zoned agricultural. Wood County Land Conservation's new Director would give a presentation at a Town Board Meeting.

There was a discussion about cemetery law and burying outside of a registered cemetery.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Wood County Unit of WTA will meet Friday, July 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Hall, 4743 Cty Highway D, Vesper. The agenda speaker is Kevin Jenkins from Enbridge. The topic is area pipelines & improvements.
- U.S. Senator Ron Johnson's Regional Director, Camille Solberg held a mobile office hour at the Sherry Town Hall on Monday, July 6th. The event was posted on the Town website, bulletin boards and mail and e-mails were sent to inform the public. Three individuals came to speak to Ms. Solberg. Ms. Solberg's business card is available if anyone is interested in contacting her directly.
- Clerk Ewoldt presented information on June 16th to the Sanitary District Commissioners and Towns of Milladore and Sherry regarding the Election process to change the current method of appointment to election of Sanitary District Commissioners.
- The Town website and letterhead have been revised to show the physical address of the Town Hall and the mailing address of the Town Clerk for the mailing address. The website also updated the contact telephone number for the Board Chairman.
- Clerk Ewoldt is continuing to update and organize Town records.
- Upcoming Training Using PASER & WISLR to Manage Your Roads August 17 21, 2015. The closest location is Black River Falls.
- Amy Sue Vruwink called on behalf of Congressman Ron Kind's office to see if the Town had any road or bridge damage from the storm on July 13, 2015.
- There will be a Healthy People Wood County Mental Health Conference held Friday, October 9, 2015 at the UW Marshfield/Wood County Campus in Marshfield. DaNita Carlson is the coordinator.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Rosie Ewoldt, Clerk

Date: July 15, 2015