

Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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 July 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: Mr. Ashbeck reported – County Board wants to hire two additional people to monitor compliance for the proposed groundwater ordinances.

Recycling Center: The Recycling Board will be meeting to submit the Grant Requests for 2016 for the Towns of Milladore and Sherry in early September. There is a cut of \$4 million in the 2016 State Budget for Recycling. The DNR representative expects a 20% reduction in 2016 grant funds to the Towns of Sherry and Milladore. Grants received in 2015 for both towns were \$4,543.35. A 20% reduction would be approximately \$910. The Proposed Budget requests will be submitted to the Town Boards at either the September or October meeting. The Fall White Goods Recycling Day is Saturday, September 19.

Solid Waste Disposal: Mr. Dale Marth from Advanced Disposal reported that the sale of bags is not compensating Advanced Disposal for the cost of the solid waste dumpster. The purpose behind the sale of the “Advanced Disposal” bags is to cover the cost of the dumpster, pick-up and delivery charges, and dumping fees at the landfill. Very few bags are being purchased by the residents of the Towns. Typically the cost is \$50/ton plus trip charges. If the solid waste fee was charged based on current rates, the bill would be approximately \$1,700 per month. The Towns are being charged much less, but the company cannot continue to charge current rates unless there is compliance by the residents.

Mr. Ashbeck reported there has been illegal material dumped during off hours. The dumpster is being filled with construction debris, old carpet and furniture.

Board Members of the Town of Sherry and Town of Milladore discussed the issue. They need to work together to enforce the use of the solid waste dumpster for residential garbage only. Furniture, mattresses and construction material will not be accepted.

Ideas presented – the gates will be locked during the week. They will consider being open one evening during the week during the summer. Signs will be posted detailing material that will not be accepted. Cameras will be installed to deter illegal dumping. Other considerations included fencing the area, hire an employee to monitor compliance during operating hours, sign in sheet, fire number or vehicle pass to prevent non-residents from using the dumpster. Flyers will be updated and distributed.

Roads/Bridges:

Bridges: The work to replace the bridge on Swedish Road has not started yet. The bridge inspection reports from the County have not been received.

Road Maintenance –Two loads of dustproofing were spread on town roads. The gravel roads have been graded and are in good shape. The trees downed during July storm have been removed.

Clerk Ewoldt asked the Board what information or price breakdowns they needed to develop the 2016 Road

Plan for budgeting purposes. Chairman Homb said the main projects would likely be two bridge replacements – one on Hetze Road and one of Maple Road. He is waiting for the bridge inspection reports to make a final determination.

Town Hall – Landscaping – Wait until spring – get a bid to remove shrubs, fill holes with dirt, fix retaining wall, and add rock.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to transfer \$35,000 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:

In response to the discussion at the July, 2015 meeting, Clerk Ewoldt reported that the Town Truck plowed or sanded roads twenty-eight times during the 2013-2014 Winter Season.

Jeff Bean reported that a picture, which was added to a monument in the cemetery, was cracked apparently by a stone thrown by lawn mowing. He said he thinks a monument on another site may have been shifted or moved, although he said that the headstone is loose from the base. He asked that the caretaker be careful when mowing around monuments.

There was also a discussion about a dead tree on the north side of the cemetery. There is some new growth at the base, so the caretaker will cut off the dead part, rather than removing the tree roots.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Wood County Unit of WTA will meet Friday, August 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pittsville Community Center. Guest speaker will be Chad Schooley, Wood County Parks & Forestry.
- Public Service Commission of Wisconsin gave a notice of proceeding for an application to adjust rates in accordance with its 2016 Fuel Cost Plan.
- Clerk Ewoldt will attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association's Annual Conference in LaCrosse, August 18 – 21, 2015.
- WTA Fall Workshops are scheduled for September – the closest meeting is in Stevens Point on Monday, September 21.
- The WTA Annual Convention is scheduled for October 25 – October 27 at Wisconsin Dells.
- Chairman Homb reported that he received a copy of letter that was sent by the Sanitary District President to Sanitary District Users. Part of the letter states: "The Town of Sherry Board has cost us money by making us prove that we are a legal entity many hours were wasted on this. The Town went so far as to hire an Attorney to write up a contract stating that they would operate and maintain the Sanitary District." Chairman Homb wants to go on record to tell the citizens of the Town of Sherry that there were several issues that the Board needed to clarify pertaining to the Sanitary District. Commissioner Joe Weiler died so the Town Board needed to know their responsibilities in appointing a Commissioner to serve out his term. The Sanitary District was reimbursed \$300 for the documents from the Sanitary District under the Open Record Request. Chairman Homb also states that the Board never intended to take over the Sanitary Commission, but was trying to determine the financial condition of the Sanitary District and the Town's financial liability in light of the stringent EPA phosphorous limits for discharge by wastewater treatment plants and the closing of the Biery Cheese Plant in Sherry.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.