

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 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 August 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 on the groundwater protection ordinance meeting. He also reported that there will be a new golf course in the Town of Rome that will need high capacity well.

Recycling Center:

The gates are now locked. The gates need to be fixed so they can be closed more easily. A camera is still an option. Notices to Residents were prepared and handed out to people using the Recycling Center. Enter and exit signs are installed to help with traffic flow. There was a suggestion to turn the dumpster 90 degrees for better traffic flow.

The Recycling Board met on September 2, 2015. The Grant applications for 2016 were reviewed and submitted online to the DNR. A Proposed budget proposal was prepared for 2016 based on the anticipated grant reduction of 20%. The budget request from each town (Milladore and Sherry) will be \$4,500.

The Recycling Board is recommending an hourly wage schedule of \$10 for new employees, \$11 after six months and \$12 after five years. The Board also recommends Board Members compensation at \$180 per year, and the Secretary/Treasurer be increased to \$500/year.

The Recycling Board reviewed Year to Date and projected Income and Expenses. There may be a budget shortfall, but the Board will meet again at the end of October to review expenses. The Board discussed the recommendations for evening hours, but recommends waiting until next spring

The Fall White Goods Recycling Day is Saturday, September 19.

Wood County Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon at Saratoga Town Hall. Flyers are posted. The Town Clerk added information to our website. Other contact information is through UW Extension – 715-421-8440.

Solid Waste Disposal: There will be a new sign by the Solid Waste dumpster which states that bags must be purchased for \$1.50 each. It will also state that the dumpster is for household garbage only. No large items, such as mattresses, tires, construction material, etc., will be accepted.

Employee Wage Review: The Board reviewed the current wages. **There was a motion** to increase Recycling Center wages per the Recycling Board recommendation by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Ewoldt recommended an increase to raise the Chief Election Inspector pay to \$12 per hour, election inspectors to stay at \$10. **There was a motion** by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to approve the election pay rate as recommended. **Motion carried.**

There was a motion to increase the hourly wage to \$12 for cemetery caretaker by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. **Motion carried.**

Town Hall Landscaping/Drainage: Parking lot drainage /landscaping will be put out for bid next spring.

Roads/Bridges:

Bridges: The Bridge on Swedish Road is complete, with the exception of blacktopping and other minor items.

Road Maintenance –Herman Road has some wash-out areas from recent rains. There has been a problem with ATV's tearing up gravel roads. The Board will review whether to keep the town roads open to ATV/UTV's at the October meeting.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to transfer \$10,000 from savings to checking. **Motion carried.**

There was a motion to transfer funds from the Reserve Account to Roads in the Budget by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Hetze, **motion carried.** **There was a motion to pay bills** by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Mann. **Motion carried.**

Public Input:

There was a question raised why the Town is paying the sanitary district delinquent sewer bills from the County settlement check. Clerk explained the special assessment process.

There were comments about the sanitary district open house. It was a very nice dedication to Joe Weiler. There was a discussion about statements made at the Open House that the towns have nothing to do with the sanitary district.

There was a question about how the solid waste bags help to pay the Advanced Disposal charges. It was explained that the dumpster fee is minimal, but the cost of the solid waste bags from Advanced Disposal pay for the fee at the landfill. Other towns pay by trip and tonnage with a substantially higher cost.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Wood County Unit of WTA will meet Friday, September 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Town Hall. Guest speaker will be Keith Melvin, Communications Spirit Manger for Ministry Health Care, speaking on Spirit Flights and how it helps the community.
- Notice from Wisconsin Towns Association about changes to their accounting system and current financial status. The membership fee will increase by approximately \$105 per year.
- The WTA Annual Convention is scheduled for October 25 – October 27 at Wisconsin Dells.
- There are Housing repair funds available as a forgivable loan through CAP Services. Contact is Kris Pethick at 715-343-7142.
- Clerk Ewoldt will participate in a Webinar for PASER (Pavement Analysis) and WISLR (Wisconsin Local Roads Information System through WisDOT) on September 30.
- The WISLR Map was mailed to Town Chairman on September 4th per an e-mail from WisDOT.
- The Map and PASER reports are due by October 10th.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.