

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., immediately after the Budget Public Hearing and Special Town Board Meeting to approve the 2016 Budget, with Chairman Homb, Supervisors Hetze and Mann, Treasurer Haas and Clerk Ewoldt present.

The minutes from the October 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 there is request to establish a new committee to concentrate on agriculture. He read an article from the Milwaukee Journal regarding the state of agriculture.

Eagle Scout Project: Chris Russo contacted Chairman Homb. Mr. Russo's son is looking for a community project to earn the Eagle Scout level.

Adopt the 2016 Budget: There was a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adopt the 2016 Budget as presented and approved. **Motion carried.**

Recycling Center:

The Recycling Board met on October 27th to review year-end funding needs. The Board is requesting \$400 from each Town to provide sufficient funding through the end of the year. Motion to fund by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann, motion carried.

There is much better compliance with the purchase of bags. The Recycling Center is selling a box of bags per week.

There was an issue with the locks at the Recycling Center – Emergency Management couldn't access the Tower. Erik Engel from Emergency Management was given a key for the Recycling Center's lock.

Review Expiring Legal Services Agreement: **Motion to** discontinue legal services agreement with Shane VanderWaal was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

South Wood County Humane Society Agreement: The 2016 SWCHS agreement includes a 3% increase in charges. 2015 rates \$80/animal pickup or \$50/animal drop-off. The 2016 rates are \$82.40/animal pickup or \$53.56/animal drop-off. There was a motion by Supervisor Mann, second by Chairman Homb to approve the 2016 Agreement. Motion carried.

Assessor Contract 2016-2017: Pauls & Associates contract price is \$7,900, which is a slight increase from \$7,800 for 2014-2015's contract. The compensation does allow for "workload adjustments due to state mandates received after contract renewal" but said adjustments will be agreed upon between Pauls' and the Town. The accompanying letter from Todd Pauls said that there will be some change in the future with the assessment practices to the state's determination to change the system. He states that one of the state may require more frequent revaluation work and more frequent property inspection, with a quarter of the town inspected annually. The state may also implement a full value system which means redoing values annually. A motion to approve the contract was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Engineering Services to Replace Bridge(s) in 2016: The Smaller Bridge on Maple Road needs replacement,

and possibly one on Hetze Road. Board will look at bridges again, and bring this topic it back for next month's meeting. The Town is still waiting for the bridge inspection reports from the County.

Roads/Bridges:

Road Maintenance –

Most roads have been graded, but Larry Pelot reports there are a few more roads to grade before winter.

Road Work for 2015 – blacktop culvert on Swedish Road was completed.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: A motion to transfer \$2,000 from Tax Savings to Checking was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.

Budget Transfer for 2015: **There was a motion** to transfer \$9,500 from the Reserve Account to Public Works - Highways and to transfer \$500 from General Government Expense Account to Public Works – Solid Waste & Recycling Account by Supervisor Hetze second by Second by Supervisor Mann, **motion carried.**

Pay Bills: **There was a motion to pay bills** by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze.. **Motion carried.**

Public Input:

What has the Town of Sherry road signs? The Town of Sherry hasn't updated their signs yet.

Clerk Ewoldt sent a letter dated October 21, 2015 to two property owners giving them notice that the Sanitary District has requested that the unpaid sewer charges be added to the tax roll as a special assessment. Richard Becker is listed as the owner of one of the parcels of land. The parcel is where Becker Trucking & Excavating built a new facility. Jana Becker disputes the special assessment from Blenker-Sherry Sanitary District. She contacted the County Treasurer about special assessments and was told that it's at the Town's discretion. Clerk Ewoldt read the statutes, and based on her interpretation, the Town was required to report the amounts reported by the Sanitary District to the County to be added to the tax roll. Becker Trucking still does not have a grinder pump, and they cannot hook-up. They have been denied service, but haven't received a written notice by the Sanitary District.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann that both parties listed on the request for special assessments list from the Sanitary District be given sixty days to resolve the issue between said parties and the Sanitary District before submitting to the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- Clerk Ewoldt received several e-mails and notices regarding the Tax Levy worksheet fromr the Department of Revenue and the County Treasurer.
- Kafka Land Clearing sent a letter that they grind and recycle wood waster for boiler fuel at local biomass plants. They are offering free wood grinding services to local towns. There is a minimum quantity required.
- Town Web Design sent an offer to upgrade our website for a flat fee of \$379.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.