

Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m., with Chairman Homb, Supervisors Hetze and Mann, Clerk Ewoldt and Treasurer Haas present.

The minutes from the March 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 that Planning and Zoning Director issued orders to fix the building purchased by Southern Ohio Lumber (Sherry Plan).

Steve Bro, General Manager, Southern Ohio Lumber (Sherry plant) attended the meeting. He said his attorney is reviewing the order. They have a minimum of 5- year contract with Verso Paper. It would put a damper on their business if they are required to tear down buildings. County Board Rep. Ashbeck will contact the Water Quality Specialist.

The Town adopted a Coordination Plan. The Town should exercise our Town's right to protect our businesses and citizens. The coordination group will contact Jay Verhulst to see how we can help. Invite the DNR and County to come to us and tell us why they can't issue a variance. There was a motion to contact Jay Verhulst by Supervisor Mann, Second by Supervisor Hetze, motion carried.

Sherry Volunteer Fire Department: The Town Board met with the Fire Department March 14, 2016. There were 18-20 people at the meeting. The fire house is full of equipment. There have several young people who want to be fire fighters and first responders. They need more people, who are available during the week. Fire Department's complaint is about rumors. Fire Department wants written complaints. They have turn-out gear but report that they don't have to wear turn out gear if they don't go inside a building.

The Town cannot micro-manage the fire department and has no intention of trying to manage the Fire Department. The Town Board offered the Town's website, or whatever we could to help them recruit new volunteers. The Town Board volunteered to help with an open house – fry brats, etc. There was a suggestion that Town Board meet with the Fire Department once a year to keep the communication open.

Recycling Center: White Goods Days are set for May 14, 2016 and September 10, 2016. Postcards have been be mailed to residents. The Recycling Board met on March 31, 2016. The Annual Report of Expenditures for the Recycling Grants for the Town of Sherry and Town of Milladore were finalized and transmitted to the DNR on March 31, 2016. There was a private citizen injured at the site. Clerk reported to our insurance company. There was a suggestion for a sign saying, "If you need assistance – please ask."

Website – Upgrade with Committee Recommendations: Clerk Ewoldt has received comments and input from some residents with suggestions for our upgrade to website. She has received digital photos from three businesses, along with scenic photos for the website. She will begin working with the Project Designer from Town Website Design, LLC at the end of this month. More photos and comments or recommendations are welcome.

Town Hall – Remove Shrubs: Volunteers Bob Peaslee and Dave Richardson, but they will have to see how much work and what type of equipment is needed. The Town will provide fill and rock.

Roads/Bridges

Bid Notice for Bridges – Scott Whitsett, PE from Jewell Engineering reported that the DNR permits have been approved and there is no floodplain impact. He will advertise next week in the newspaper. There was a motion to approve for the bridge replacement for Maple Road (3 culverts) and Hetze Road (3 culverts) made by Edwin Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried.

Questions raised – why are we going back to the same design if we are having problems with washout at the bridge replaced last year? Why are we using culverts rather than a bridge structure?

Responses: The three culvert system provides a main channel for normal water flow with the other two culverts for overflow during heavy water flow – designed for 100 year flood.

The bridge structure would cost much more. Culverts have a life span similar to a bridge. Another plus is that the road is only closed for a week or two, when bridge construction would close the road for a couple of months.

Problems on Swedish Road culvert project from 2015– Dan deBoer will cut the asphalt to investigate the problem. It appears to be a compaction issue. They didn't blacktop right away, but put granite down and traffic drove over the road. This was part of the compaction issue. He will fix the problem with no cost to the town.

The Specs for the Maple Road and Hetze Road bridge replacements will address the blacktop within a short time frame.

Road Bids: The Town Board checked Roads – they will advertise for bids for road base and granite, crack-filling and patch pot holes. The bridge abutment on Arpin-Sherry Road is also a problem. Motion to advertise for road bids – Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze, motion carried.

There was a discussion about the need to plan and budget for a replacement of the current grader within five years. The Town should start budgeting now – consider increased mill rate to fund a purchase.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: There was a motion to transfer \$7,500 from Tax Savings to Checking by Supervisor Hetze, 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: None

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- A Certificate was presented to the Town of Sherry as part of the 130 Year Anniversary from U.S. Senator Ron Johnson.
- State Senator Julie Lassa and Representative Nancy VanderMeer presented a Plaque recognizing the 130th Anniversary of the Town of Sherry.
- The Spring Election was Tuesday, April 5, 2016. 345 voters participated, which is 76% of the Registered Voters. We also had 23 New Voter Registrations on Election Day.
- A letter was received from Kevin Boyer, Wood County Surveyor, to remind us of the Section and Corner markers while during ditching and culvert replacements. Copies of his letter were given to Board Members.
- A letter was received from Will Stites from DNR. He received an anonymous complaint about a driveway on Lonely Road. We responded that we had not issued a permit for a driveway.
- Public Service Commission is request comments on the draft of the Strategic Energy Assessment(SEA). The draft can be viewed at <http://psc.wi.gov/>.
- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) is asking for comments regarding the Great Lakes Basis Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) plan to construct and operate a new railroad on a 278-mile long, 200-foot wide railroad corridor, from Indiana, around Chicago, and into southern Wisconsin. The proposal would extend from LaPorte, IN through IL to Milton, WI and would connect with existing Class I railroads.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Rosie Ewoldt, Clerk

Date: April 21, 2016