

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lang, Supervisor Bean, Supervisor Holtz, Clerk Lobner, and Treasurer Haas present.

Additions to the Agenda: Bill review prior to Board meetings.

The minutes from the July 11, 2023, Town Board of Supervisors meetings were reviewed and approved with a **motion** by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz. **Motion carried.**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved with a **motion** by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean. **Motion carried.**

Pay Bills: Bill review completed followed by a **motion** to pay bills by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz. **Motion carried.**

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: A **motion** by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to transfer \$36,603 from the reserve ARPA Savings to Checking Account for expenses associated with the storage shed site prep work and concrete bill. **Motion carried.** A **motion** by Supervisor Holtz, second by Supervisor Bean to transfer \$33,397.00 from savings account to checking for monthly expenses. A total of \$70,000. **Motion carried.** The Town previously received \$83,212 earmarked for ARPA spending. After the transfer of the \$36,603 there will be a remaining balance of \$46,609 ARPA funds available.

County Representative Report: No report.

NextEra Solar Energy Meeting NextEra is awaiting initial soil testing results before proceeding with a meeting this Fall. Additional information may be found at NextEra Energy << www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wood-solar.html >>.

Development of a Proposed Solar Panel and/or Solar Farm Ordinance. Boards members received ordinance examples and will continue to research the topic and discuss at the next meeting. Solar energy is a highly regulated industry. Chairman Lang and Clerk Lobner attended the August 1 Town of Arpin electors meeting where electors discussed proposed solar energy ordinance and/or zoning for the public health and safety of the community and future generations.

Reserve Liquor License Request: by Donna Brandl for the proposed 96 Acres Event Barn attended the meeting by telephone. Mike Mueller personally attended the meeting on her behalf. Effective in 1997, Wisconsin Department of Revenue's quota law established the Town of Sherry has one Reserve "Class B" Liquor license available. There have been no requests for that reserve liquor license since then. The event barn has not been built yet. The reserve "Class B" liquor license is issued to the premises. The reserve license is *not* authorized to a person. No license may be issued at this time. Ms. Brandl was encouraged to reapply for the license when the building is erected. If the owner leaves or moves the business from the premises the reserve license reverts to the Town. The reserve "Class B" liquor license is issued to the premises, not authorized to a person.

Town Hall LED Lighting: Supervisor Holtz has requested quotes for LED interior lighting and add to next meeting for further discussion. Clerk Lobner provided estimates for consideration of pressure washing exterior vinyl siding, interior town hall painting, replacement of ceiling tiles, replacement of a few nesting banquet tables, replacement of four folding chairs. The request is for an item or two to be completed each year. Supervisor Holtz requests the number of Town Hall Rentals in 2022 and 2023 for the next meeting.

Storage Shed Update

- Supervisor Bean reported the delivery of storage shed building materials, concrete work has begun, specs sent on windows, steel, and overhead door. Bills are starting to come in as work progresses. Earlier in this meeting ARPA funds were obligated to project expenses.

Roads / Bridges and Road Maintenance:

- Bliven Lane – more research needs to be done

- Calcium chloride and rust inhibitor will be applied soon.
- Road grading will begin next week.
- P-71-938 Maple Road Bridge Inspection Report reviewed and is unchanged from 2022.

Fairview Cemetery: Supervisor Bean reports two cemetery lots were donated back to the Town.

Recycling Center Update: Supervisor Holtz reports in addition to normal Saturday hours, summer hours are Wednesdays through August 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Recycling Board will meet August 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Location: Sherry Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend. Reminder of the White Goods Recycling Day on September 9, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Additions to Agenda:

Discussion on adequate review time for bill approval. A **motion** by Supervisor Bean to receive the monthly 'Bills to be Paid Report' earlier prior to the monthly meeting, second by Supervisor Holtz. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- The Sherry Town Board will host the Wood County Unit Meeting of WTA on August 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at the St. John's Fellowship Hall in Auburndale. A **motion** by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz to approve a \$100 donation to St. John's Church for use of the fellowship hall for the WTA meeting. **Motion carried.** A **motion** by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz to approve funds for the meal and refreshments for the WTA meeting. **Motion carried.**
- Notification of New Building Identification for Richard and Jean Becker, 8860 Vruwink Road.
- Chairman Lang, Supervisor Bean and Clerk Lobner will attend the virtual Workshops: WISLR 101, How to Rate Your Roads, How to Submit Road Conditions, and Pavement Analysis on August 8 and August 10 at the town hall. A meeting notice will be posted on the quorum.

Public Input:

- Work continues with no date set for completion of County Road F Closure from US Highway 10 to Eight Corners.
- Residents present expressed the need for information on the proposed 100-megawatt solar energy project in the Town of Sherry. The residents present are concerned as Initial contacts have been made with the Town landowners by the NextEra Solar Energy Project team. This family lives near the Town of Arpin/Sherry border and feel the two towns should be working together in researching ordinances and/or zoning opportunities. Supervisor Bean shared that a Coordination Land Use Plan was approved July 2012 to include no zoning. Other solar companies may be in the area attempting to secure acreage for their solar project e.g. << www.scoutsolar.com >>.
- Resident question regarding having a separate driveway to access a proposed house build, near his business. Discussion on need for a separate vs dual access driveway for business needs. A separate driveway would need a culvert permit application with subsequent approval from Wood County Highway Department.

Schedule Future Meetings, as required: None.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: There was a **motion** to adjourn by Supervisor Bean, second by Supervisor Holtz. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Lang.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Sandra Lobner, Clerk

Date: August 20, 2023

Attendees: Richard Becker, Luke Haas, Ron Hoffman, Mike Mueller, Ivan Rennhack and family

Approved: September 12, 2023