

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016**

The regular Town Board monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with Chairman Homb, Supervisors Hetze and Mann, Clerk Ewoldt and Treasurer Haas present.

The minutes from the November 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.**

Report from Sherry Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Nigh presented the annual Fire Department report to the Town Board.

County Representative Report: Mr. Ashbeck reported on a plan from the City of Marshfield's phosphate reduction process and a pending agreement with Wood County. Mr. Ashbeck also stated that abandoned or unused wells should be properly closed to help conserve water.

2017 Ambulance Contract: The Board reviewed the contract with the City of Marshfield Ambulance Service. The contract amount is \$23,733. There was a motion made by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann, to approve the 2017 contract for ambulance service with the City of Marshfield. The adopted 2017 Town Budget was modified to show the increase to the Ambulance Contract.

Assessor Contract: The Board reviewed the contract with Pauls Associates for a two-year revaluation contract. The cost will be \$13,350 per year. The revaluation would be spread-out over 2 years. The assessor fee will cover the normal maintenance assessment for the first year. There was **a motion to approve** the revaluation contract by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze, **Motion carried.**

A Revaluation Notice will be posted on the Town's website and at the Town Hall informing the public of the two-year revaluation of property assessments. The notice outlines the Assessor's statutory authority to enter land as described in Sections 943.13 and 943.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

Provider Agreement with Wood County for WisVote Services: The Clerk for the Town of Sherry will provide all services outlined in the Provider Agreement except the entry of the County Board of Canvass report. The Agreement will allow for back-up from the County Clerk's office, if needed. The Agreement will also allow the printing of poll books by the County Clerk for a \$25 fee. There was **a motion by Hetze Supervisor, second by Supervisor Mann. Motion carried.**

Set Date for January Town Caucus – all offices of the Town Board will be elected at the Spring Election on April 4, 2017. The Town uses caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot. **A motion was made** by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann to set the date for the caucus for January 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Recycling Center: The Recycling Board met on November 28th to review year-end expenses. The Board is requesting \$500 from the Towns of Milladore and Sherry to meet projected year end expenses. This includes costs associated with the remodel of the Recycling Center building. There was **a motion** to approve the request by Chairman Homb, second by Supervisor Mann, **Motion carried.**

Roads – current Road Maintenance:

New employee, Bill McGuire, was introduced. The Board gave instructions to sand intersections every time he plows. New lights were installed in Milladore storage building. Repair of the truck and grader were discussed. The road sign at corner of Lobner and Swedish is missing.

Budget Transfer: There was a motion to transfer **\$3,300** from the 2016 Public Safety Budget Category to the Public Works- Highway Budget Category and to transfer **\$450** from the General Government Expense category to the Public Works 2- Solid Waste and Recycling Expenses Budget Category by Supervisor Hetze, second by Supervisor Mann, Motion carried.

Transfer Funds from Tax Savings to Checking: Not necessary at this meeting.

Pay Bills: **There was a motion to pay bills**, subject to clarification on the MidState Truck Service November invoice by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.** Town of Milladore will reimburse the Town of Sherry for the lights and electrical for the Town Storage Shed. The town of Sherry paid to repair the door on the storage shed.

Public Input:

There was a discussion about the Town's position on laying hoses in the ditches for manure transfer. The Board should discuss and develop a plan. Add to agenda for next meeting. Permitting should be considered, along with requiring evidence of spill response insurance.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- Several WI municipal clerks received an e-mail request for sixty-four items pertaining to the November 8, 2016 General Election from Harvey Wasserman, Columbus Institute for Contemporary Journalism, Columbus Free Press, Columbus, OH. The Wisconsin Election Commission and the Wood County Clerk are assisting our Town with a response, but all Towns have been advised to have their corporate counsel review the request.
- We received a request Peter Peckarsky, from Columbus, OH on behalf of Jill Stein, requesting all ballot images produced by voting at the Nov. 8 election, and all ballot images produced during the recount. Clerk Ewoldt referred Mr. Peckarsky to the County Clerk's Office.
- Clerk Ewoldt participated in the Wood County Presidential Election Recount. Over 37,000 ballots were hand-counted and tallied by presidential candidate. The Town of Sherry's election results were unchanged. It was a very tedious, yet interesting experience.
- Clerk Ewoldt received a telephone call from American Transmission Company. They are planning to replace the fencing and some connector/wiring at the transmission facility on County Road N near the intersection of County HH.
- Chairman Homb received a couple of phone calls after the tax bills were received.

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

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, immediately following the Town Caucus which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.