

**Town of Sherry
Regular Board Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 15, 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 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: The County passed the County Budget today. The County has to borrow \$1 Million to balance a budget. Mr. Ashbeck quoted a news article regarding the poverty level in Wood County. He opposed the budget with the \$1 Million debt increase, but the Budget passed.

Town Revaluation: The last revaluation was done in 2006. Assessor Todd Pauls submitted a proposal to do a revaluation over a two year period. By the time this will be done, it will be a twelve year period since the last revaluation. The Department of Revenue reduced the number of years to do revaluations. The cost will be \$13,350 per year. The revaluation would be spread-out over 2 years. Our Town doesn't issue building permits for buildings, other than residential, so some improvements may have been made that are not captured on the assessment. Two other area towns will be doing revaluations over the same two year period. The assessor fee will cover the normal maintenance assessment for the first year. There was **a motion to approve** revaluation by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze, **Motion carried.**

Adopt 2017 Budget: There was **a motion** by Supervisor Mann, second by Supervisor Hetze, **Motion carried.**

Five Year Road/Bridge Plan: Chairman Homb is looking for input. Maple Road needs to be repaved. – try to coordinate with Town of Milladore. The bridge on Maple Road is a wooden box culvert and looks solid, so it is unlikely that the bridge will have to be replaced.

Recycling Center: Granite was added to the drive and dumpster area. The consensus was to use current heater and make the office area smaller. The overall cost shouldn't be more than \$600 to re-do the building. The Recycling Board will meet at the end of this month.

Town Hall Use by Sherry Tired Iron Tractor Club for Meetings: The Secretary-Treasurer of the Club sent a request through e-mail to use the Town Hall for the Club's meetings. The Board is not opposed to allowing them to use the hall for no charge, as long as the club cleans the hall after their meetings. Paying renters would have 1st choice. There was **a Motion to approve the use of the Town Hall by the Sherry Tired Iron Tractor Club at no charge** by Supervisor Mann, second Supervisor Hetze. **Motion carried.**

Agreement with South Wood County Humane Society: There was a discussion to amend the agreement so that residents must contact a member of the Town Board before taking an animal to the Humane Society. **A Motion to approve the agreement, as amended, was made by Supervisor Mann, Second by Supervisor by Supervisor Hetze. Motion carried.**

Roads – current Road Maintenance:

There was a discussion about an incident that occurred between a contractor and a resident. The grader is being repaired. Partner Road and Vruwink Roads are torn up again. There are a lot of trees in the ditch, Lonely, Hetze, Swedish and Herman Road. Supervisor Mann will follow-up.

The Town needs a snow plow driver.

Budget Transfer: Not necessary at this time

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

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

Public Input: Thank you to Brandls and Kopliens for putting the decorations in the flagpole area.

Correspondence and Other Updates:

- Town Treasurer Linda Haas attended training on the new Tax Software.
- The Town received a Thank You from the Sherry Tired Iron Tractor Club for refunding the rental fee for the Town Hall. The note says that they have award scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing an ag-related career at Auburndale, Marshfield, Pittsville, Stratford and Wisconsin Rapids. The Tractor Club also sponsors the Auburndale and Marshfield Tractor Safety kids by providing hearing protection and safety glasses.
- The Town received copies of the 2015-2016 Wisconsin Statutes.
- The Town received the 2016 Summary Report of American Transmission Company's 10-Year Transmission System Assessment.
- The Town received the Autumn 2016 issue of North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission News.
- The General Election had a turn-out of approximately 70% of eligible voters in our Town based on the Department of Administration's estimate of 618 people over 18 years of age residing in our Town, with 429 ballots cast. We had 25 Election Day Registers. A big thank you to all of the Election Inspectors for making it a successful election day.
- The January, 2017 Caucus will nominate members for the Town Board for the April 4, 2017 Spring Election. The date of the Caucus is yet to be determined.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hetze second by Supervisor Mann to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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