

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 16, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson John Bord. Other Town officials present were: Supervisors--Ken Kraus and Wayne Mueller, Treasurer Cathy Seibel and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Eight members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. There was a question about the Zoning Administrator under Conservation & Development – Marlene Sippel is currently serving as the interim administrator until the position is filled. There was a question about the Comprehensive Plan – John stated that the plan is almost complete. A final public hearing is scheduled for May 20th at 6:30 p.m. Cathy mentioned that \$87,271.92 of the ARPA funds received in 2022 were used in 2023 for the Mt. Calvary Fire Department and Mt. Calvary Ambulance Service assessments. The balance of \$32,887.58 is being used in 2024. Motion Ken Seibel/Tom Steffen to accept the annual report as presented. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were also handed out. Motion Mike Schmitz/Ken Seibel to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

John Bord reminded those in attendance that any votes taken tonight are advisory.

The electors were briefed on the ongoing or completed projects:

Town Roads:

- Basswood Road – Pulverized and paved the quarter mile that borders the Village of Mt. Calvary. Cost was 50/50 split.
- Hemlock Road – Full overlay with black granite seal coat.
- Ash Road – Black granite seal coat on the portion damaged by WE Energies while working on the turbines. WE Energies paid for the repairs.

Equipment:

- Oshkosh – Repaired rear differential and replaced both axles
- Western Star: Reworked the rear wing post cable sheaves adding grease zerks in more critical areas
- Kenworth: Reworked the electrical control for the hydraulics (ECM reprogrammed and updated) for the rear post

Miscellaneous:

- Under the supervision of Mike, Kurt and Jared, the recycling center is running smoothly. We now accept e-waste. Currently there is no cost to the Town for this program.
- Roadside mowing will be done with 3 passes throughout the summer. This fall the Town may consider renting a brush cutter for a week.
- Noxious weed ordinance is in place. If there are any complaints, forms are available online.
- Drop box in the vestibule on the east side of the entrance has been working well. It can be used for any paperwork or payments for the Town. **NO ABSENTEE BALLOTS ALLOWED**
- A salt shed was built this past year. Funds were used out of the budget.
- South Shore Lane was deeded to the Town. Additional land was also acquired for a turnaround, which is completed. Paving of the turnaround is tentatively planned for 2025.
- An Ordinance restricting use and obstruction of town road rights-of-way, ditches and embankments was passed this year. A copy of the ordinance is on the website. A permit and a fee are required. It excludes driveway culverts.
- The Town also passed a Mobile Tower Siting Permit Regulations Ordinance
- Wayne Mueller will not seek reelection in April 2025. Papers can be taken out after December 1st.

UPCOMING YEAR – 2024

- The Comprehensive Plan should be completed in May. The Town of Marshfield Zoning Ordinance Amendment and DATCP recertification is planned to be completed in October.
- Road work to be considered
 - Holly Road from Maple Road North to County Q
 - The intersection of Hickory and Holly Roads
 - New culvert on Hickory Road, quarter mile east of Holly
 - Possible culvert on Walnut Road
 - Applying for grant monies for Agricultural Road Improvement Plan (ARIP) for Walnut Road. Excel Engineering is assisting with the application process.
 - LRIP money of \$35,000 was granted for Town Hall Road. The work is tentatively being planned for 2025.
- The Town will be contacting the County to see what needs to be done to clean out the garage where the salt was stored to prevent rusting. Shelving is also planned for the garage.
- Open Book is scheduled for May 1st from 1 – 3 p.m. and Board of Review, May 13th from 4 – 6 p.m.

Motion Neal Schaefer/Jim Schaefer to appoint Mike Torgerud to a two-year term as the Town's at large representative on the Ambulance Board. Motion carried.

Next year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Comments:

- John announced that he is tentatively planning to retiring after the 2025-2027 term
- Solar companies have been approaching land owners about solar farms
- Cathy is hoping that the Town will continue to receive the sales tax supplement from the County

John was asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the public.

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion to adjourn was made by Ken Seibel/Neal Schaefer. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel