

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2015

8:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman John Bord. Other Town officials present were: Supervisor Tom Steffen and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Twelve members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were handed out. Paul Petrie motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Schaefer. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2014 Annual Report were also handed out and reviewed. Pages 12 & 13 of the Ambulance Report were incorrect. A separate corrected page was available. Mike Schmitz motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Earl Merten. Motion carried.

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

The electors were briefed on the ongoing or completed projects:

Town Roads:

1. Elm Road:

Replaced 66" culvert on Elm with a concrete pipe

Replaced culvert through intersection with Ash Rd.

Widened shoulders on both sides over the hill

2. Maintenance was completed on the following roads:

Seal coated Hickory from Cty. G east to just east of Willow

Double seal coated #788 (Paul Lefeber), High Street and Apple Lane

Crack filled Holly from Cty WH to Maple, Elm from Cty Q south to Hemlock, and Hickory from Cty WH east to just east of Willow

Paved North Shore Court & North Shore Lane

Tree & Brush Trimming:

We worked on Hickory from Cty G west all the way through the wooded area. We also had Asplundh top the trees under the power lines on parts of Pecan, Holly, Hemlock, and Birch Road, making it easier for the Town to maintain. Abler Tree Service ground a stump on Hemlock; Abler also cut down a tree and ground the stump on Holly--cost on both projects was split between the landowners and the Town.

Grass Mowing:

Earl Merten and Gerry Lefeber did the same program as last year. There were two single

passes mowed and then in the fall it was mowed out as far as they could reach to control the brush. The same practice will be followed this year.

Snow Plowing:

The wing was rebuilt and the box was painted on the Oshkosh. Plenty of work to complete even though there was mostly little snow falls. Fortunately we did not have to purchase any additional salt or sand this past season and have some left for the next season.

Recycling Center:

Continuing to run smoothly under the guidance of John, Jared, and Mike with the cooperation of the citizens. The staff would like to remind the patrons if they are unsure of where something should go, please ask. It avoids additional tasks. Our free source for disposal of dry cell batteries is no longer available; however, Interstate Batteries will accept them for a fee.

Road Signs:

The Town is continuing to replace worn out road traffic signs and those with bad posts. The new signs meet the standards of retro reflectivity.

Wolf Lake:

The County dredge the boat landing. The Town had an early warning siren erected at the Park's bath house on Friday. An easement was obtained from the County to place it there; the County also supplies the electricity needed to run the battery charger. It is programmed to run with the County's system. On Saturdays the siren is set to run for a weekly maintenance check.

Public Nuisance Ordinance-Noxious Weeds:

The Town will continue to enforce this ordinance in the upcoming year. If there are any complaints, please get the forms off the internet or from the office. If someone is interested in the position of Weed Commissioner, knowledge about weeds is required, please contact John.

Bug Tussel:

One of the objectives in the Comprehensive Plan was to improve communication. Bug Tussel has erected two towers in the Township. One by Jeff Korb – Cty Q & Cty GG and the other on the Walter Loehr farm on Walnut Road.

New Business:

Roads to be worked on:

Elm Road—Plans are to pave it this year. A 2014-2015 LRIP Grant was awarded in 2013 for the amount of \$41,600. At the time the grant was awarded, total approximate cost to pulverize, shape and blacktop 1.3 miles on Elm Road was \$165,000.

Wages for elected officials to perform other duties:

Herb Pickart moved to adopt; Mike Schmitz seconded the following resolution:

Be it resolved that we, the Town Electors of the Town of Marshfield, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, being duly assembled at the 2015 Annual town meeting on April 21, 2015, do hereby authorize compensation at the same rate as the other part time road workers and recycling custodians to any elected town officer employed in the following positions, unrelated to his or her regular responsibilities as town officer: recycling custodian, snow plow driver, brush cutter, shop work or other road maintenance work done pursuant to s. 60.10 (2) (L) and 60.37 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The resolution passed by hand vote -- 15 votes yes -- 0 votes no. The resolution was adopted.

Culvert replacement:

This Saturday, the Town Board will review the town roads to consider which additional work should be done on the roads—culverts, crack filling, seal coating. Residents mentioned several locations of culverts that were in need of repair.

New Plow Truck:

Discussion was held explaining the proposed truck from Western Star and the different Wausau plow packages proposed from Monroe and Olson. Motion by Earl Merten to pursue the purchase of a new plow truck, not to exceed \$240,000. Seconded by Tony Morgen. The motion carried by hand vote of 15 – 0.

Open Book, April 23 from 3 – 5 p.m. and Board of Review, May 12 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Next year's annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 8 p.m.

John asked if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Motion by Herb Pickart to adjourn, seconded by Jim Schaefer. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marlene J Sippel
Town Clerk