

## TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 16, 2013 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 Ken Kraus, Treasurer Cathy Seibel, Clerk Marlene J Sippel and Supervisor-Elect Tom Steffen. 24 members from the public were present.

A moment of silence was observed to remember the victims of the Boston Marathon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were handed out. Mary Jo Winkler motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jr Seibel. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2012 Annual Report were available and reviewed. Jr Seibel motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Tom Steffen. 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--**

- a) Willow Road and the east end of Hickory were crack filled and seal coated with black slag, which is a remnant from the coal burning electric plant.
- b) Cherry Lane was double seal coated with pea stone
- c) No blacktopping is planned this coming year until completion of the Seven Hills Bridge Project. Completion is not expected until early fall, so it is uncertain if weather will allow for seal coating but some crack filling will be done.

**Tree & Brush Trimming**—It is ongoing project. Started with Hazel Lane last fall. Work was also completed on Elm Road. The trimming appeared to eliminate some drifting on the roads.

**Seven Hill Bridge Project**—The Town was awarded a TRI-D grant from the State. Of the estimated project cost of \$250,000, the State will award up to half of the Town's cost, not to exceed \$123,023.13. After the project is complete and the contractor paid, the State will reimburse the Town. Paperwork has been submitted to the DNR for approval. Proposed structure is 9' x 8' twin concrete box culvert. Soil borings have been taken. Anticipated start date will be early August.

**Bridge on Palm Tree Road**--Was permanently closed this fall to vehicle traffic to preserve the historic structure. A Scout is raising funds to light the bridge.

**Snow Plowing**—Were busy the months of February and March. Gentlemen did a great job.

**Recycling**—With the continuous cooperation of the residents, the Town complies with the collection standards of the DNR.

**Revaluation**—Total revaluation is complete. We are 100% compliant. This year's Open Book is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 from 5 – 7 p.m. and Board of Review is scheduled for Wednesday,

May 29 from 6 – 8 p.m. Questions were addressed that if you feel that your assessment appears to be incorrect; you should come to the open book and talk to the Assessors. If you still are not satisfied, you can appeal to the Board of Review.

**Heavy Equipment Ordinance**—Proposed copy of ordinance is available to review. There will be an informational meeting April 23 at 8 p.m.

**Road Signs**—Over the past years, new fire number signs and road name signs have been replaced. The road traffic signs will be replaced this year, starting with the ones that have the poorest retroreflectivity. It will be completed within the next several years.

**Wolf Lake**—The County is building a new bathhouse facility in the Park this year and the parking lot should also be paved. The e-coli levels in the lake will continue to be monitored.

**Noxious Weed Ordinance**—Will be implemented this spring after the Attorney has reviewed the proposed paperwork.

**Early Warning Siren**—The Town was approached about installing a siren on the East side of Johnsburg in collaboration with Towns of Calumet and Taycheedah. The Board will wait and see if the figures fall into the budget. The Town will investigate into obtaining another unit for the Wolf Lake area.

**Zoning Administrator**—The zoning ordinance adopted last year called for a Zoning Administrator. Mary Jo Winkler was appointed. She will address questions on the ordinance book. Also, the first Monday of the month has been set aside for Board of Appeals and Plan Commission hearings on an as needed basis. All paperwork must be filed at least three weeks prior so proper notice can be given.

**Wind Turbines**—Wind siting rules (PSC 128) took place. Then the Town passed an ordinance regulating the use of wind energy systems last July. A sound study was initiated on the Shirley Wind Farms in Brown County by the PSC. Based on that, the Wisconsin Towns Association passed a resolution supporting a wind turbine moratorium until further studies are done. The Town sent a letter endorsing this resolution. It is an ongoing problem; with former Town member Dennis Stenz serving on the County Board, he will continue to address these concerns with Al Buechel and the other members of the County Board and hopefully some funding from the county level will be directed towards this.

**Town Officials**—Tom Steffen was elected to fill Dennis Stenz's position. John, Ken, Cathy and Marlene were re-elected.

**Ambulance Commission**--The Town is looking for a replacement for the Ambulance Board Commission, they must be a town resident. If anyone is interested please contact the Town Board. Ken Kraus reported on the Ambulance Commission. They are keeping the old ambulance.

John asked if there were any questions. A resident questioned about his driveway. No decisions will be made until later this year. If interested, the driveway could be discontinued as a town road.

Next year's annual meeting will be on the third Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 8 p.m.

John thanked the residents who have served on the various committees and boards this past year.

Motion by John Pickart to adjourn, seconded by Jr Seibel. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marlene J Sippel  
Town Clerk