

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 10, 2012 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 and Clerk Marlene J Sippel. 14 members from the public were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were read. Jr Seibel motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Connie Pickart. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2011 Annual Report were available and reviewed. Herb Pickart motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Neal Schaefer. 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) Paved Holly Road from WH to Maple
- b) Seal coat Triple T Road and three dead end roads with tar and pea stone
- c) Crack filled Chestnut, Rusmar and Pecan Roads
- d) Finished putting up new road name signs. By 2015, the Town has to implement retroreflective requirements on traffic (i.e. stop, yield) signs
- e) Continued to trim brush & trees. Worked on Seven Hills, Redwood and Elm Road. This past weekend worked on Walnut Road. Will spray this summer and mow to control new growth
- f) Seven Hills Road – Replace bridge. Approximate cost is \$250,000. Applied for TRI-D funding from the state (which would be 50% reimbursement) but nothing has been heard yet; we had expected to hear by March. Tony Morgen asked about the bridge and John further explained what was wrong with the bridge and what will be done. If the Town doesn't receive any funding, alternatives will have to be looked into
- g) Planning on doing seal coat and crack filling on roads, but probably no paving
- h) A booklet has been started on the roads. Consists of a tentative 5 year plan. Lists work done on the roads.
- i) On Palm Tree Road – Planning to close the arch bridge to vehicles because of safety issues. Hoping to get on the Historic Registry. A Boy Scout is looking to paint the bridge and light it as an Eagle Project.
- j) Driveway Easements were drawn up for 36 dead end roads for the purpose of letting the Town vehicles turn around in their yard. Four were not signed for various reasons. Booklets are being made for snowplow drivers
- k) Heavy Vehicle Equipment Ordinance is being worked on to protect town roads.

Recycling Center

- a) Used millings off of Maple Rd (received at no cost to the Town) and put it in the yard at the center
- b) Residents are doing an excellent job in recycling materials
- c) Oil filters are being collected and disposed for \$25/barrel
- d) Batteries are being taken to Northern Battery and American Implement
- e) Revenue from the scrap iron and tin cans help towards the maintenance of center
- f) We now have two custodians – John Wilkens and Jared Schmitz
- g) Tree tops were chipped and mixed with leaves and grass to create a compost

Revaluation – Nathan Marcks of Bowmar said 88% of the properties have been reviewed. Some have been done by telephone. If they were unable to get to someone's property and the owner questions their assessment at open book, the assessors will review their property at that time. If the owner refuses, then the assessment cannot be contested. Open book is tentatively being planned for mid July and any questions you have, will be addressed. The assessors may change the assessment at Open Book after discussion. If you are not satisfied, property owners can appear before the Board of Review, which is tentatively set for August. No dates have been set. You must file a notice 48 hours in advance of the first Board of Review of intent to file objection. Papers will be available at the open book. The burden of proof is on the property owner to prove that the assessment is wrong. On May 14, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. the Board of Review will meet to postpone the Board of Review to a later date. The assessor noted that the residents should remember to obtain a Wrecking Permit to remove a building off of their assessment. Cathy noted that when you receive your new assessed values, remember that the mil rate will be figured on the entire town's new assessed value.

Water testing – Optional testing program was set up in September and 34 residents participated. No major problem with any water quality.

Ordinance Book & Zoning Map – Was adopted in November. Currently working on several amendments. Planning to hold public hearing in June. Will be re-certified in 2013 after County is done updating their farmland preservation.

Wolf Lake –Lake had to be closed several times this past year. E coli problem is being monitored. Currently there are no public restrooms at park. Will be bringing in portables.

Apple Lane – Final paperwork is in Attorney's office being reviewed.

Wind Turbine Siting—New regulations became effective April 1, 2012. The Board is looking into an ordinance that will give the Town more control of future expansion. It would not infer with the current Joint Development Agreement the Town has with WE Energies.

OTHER—

Question -- Is the County putting up a cell tower in this area? It is unknown. The Town does have an ordinance in place for cell towers.

Question – What about a warning siren in Wolf Lake area? Alan Buechel said this is a town issue not county.

The Town was complimented on the good job of brush cutting being done.

Paul Petrie commented on the Fire Department – They declined to implement the 3% increase on the assessments to the townships this year

Ken Kraus commented on the Ambulance Department—They are getting a new ambulance. They haven't decided whether or not to keep the old ambulance; instead of calling someone else to cover, it would be used for backup when the new ambulance is out on fire calls

Next year's annual meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month, April 16, 2012.

Motion by Jr Seibel to adjourn, seconded by Jim Baus. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marlene J Sippel, Town Clerk