

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2017

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: Supervisors Ken Kraus and Tom Steffen, Treasurer Cathy Seibel and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Ten members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2016 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. John gave a brief summary of the repairs under highway and roads maintenance. The grader received a thorough overhaul – transmission, torque converter, transmission cooler, radiator, starter, batteries, air cleaner, electrical system and numerous other items. The Oshkosh Plow Truck received new spring stacks along with extra ones put in the front right corner to aid in carrying the wing load. Also mentioned were the Kenworth, Western Star, mower and garage heater. Marv Schneider, Neal Schaefer and John took care of a majority of the maintenance work on the grader. Dean Thelen motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Herb Pickart. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were also handed out. Herb Pickart motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Thelen. 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:

1. West Shore Lane & Southwest Circle Drive –Pulverized and paved. The cul-du-sacs on both ends were dug out and more base added.
2. Division Rd—Thin overlay and a complete double hot oil seal coat using stone and stone/slag on our portion.
3. Cypress Road—Partial wedge and hot oil seal coat using stone.
4. Meinert Road—Patched and seal coated a little over 200’.
5. There was no crack filling done this past year.

Culvert replacement:

Two culverts were replaced with concrete pipe: 24” at the intersection of Oak Rd & Oak Ct and a 30” at the intersection of Oak Rd & Maple Rd.

Tree & Brush Trimming:

Due to the time spent on the grader doing maintenance work, we were unable to complete any trimming.

Grass Mowing:

As in previous years, there were two single passes mowed and then in the fall it was mowed out as far as Gerry Lefeber could reach to control the brush. Gerry will mow from the field side when the crops are off, if permission is given.

Snow Plowing:

Ice was the issue this year. We purchased one load of salt and several sand/salt mixtures. Chains were purchased for the Western Star and additional chains will be needed for other vehicles next year. This was the first full season for the Western Star and favorable reviews were given from the crew.

Recycling Center:

Kurt Pegel has joined forces with John and Mike to see that the recycling center runs smoothly with the cooperation of the citizens. If you see TV's or electronics going into the dumpster, please let the staff know so they can remind the patrons that we e-cycle. Contact Waste Management for disposal; additional numbers are also on the DNR website. Our batteries are taken to Interstate Batteries; we pay for disposal of the dry cell and receive credit for the rechargeable and lead acid batteries.

Road Signs:

The Town continues to replace deteriorated and damaged road traffic signs and fire numbers as routine maintenance. If a sign needs addressing, please contact a board member.

Public Nuisance Ordinance-Noxious Weeds:

As in previous years, the Town will continue to enforce this ordinance this year. If there are any complaints, please get the forms off the internet or from the office.

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

New Business:**Road work & Tax Increase**

Considering doing 1 mile of Oak Road on the south end. The issue is funding. John mentioned several items – salt/sand and maintenance of equipment are already over budget this year. The money that is available this year for roads is \$197,000 (includes money from budget plus additional monies from road fund account). Estimated cost for the 1 mile of Oak is \$147,600. Also, would like to do Basswood Road from Cty Rd WW to Walnut Rd. Estimate for that is \$33,000. If additional monies would be remaining the

following dead end roads – Dream Acres, Adam Schoenborn, DuWayne Buechel and Chris Wells need pressing attention. However, if funding is not available they will be removed from the table this year.

The following roads were also suggested to be considered as they need attention--7 Hills Road, Ash Road, Coconut Lane, Cody Rd, Hemlock Rd, Hickory Rd, Holly Rd, Palm Tree Rd, and Redwood Rd. Estimated cost for these are \$245,000. If the town's tax levy would be increased by \$50,000, it would take approximately 5 years to complete these roads. The Board would like to bring this to the public's attention that it is being considered that taxes would be raised for road work. If the State would provide additional aid, there would be a possibility that the amount could be lowered. However at this time, no additional help will be coming from the State.

A question on how many roads that need repair such as "Oak" are around? John said that tentatively the plan is to complete ½ of Oak in 2017, ½ in 2018; then in 2019 – ½ of Pine and the second ½ in 2020, being 4 years to complete the two roads.

A question on the current mil rate was asked. The town's portion of the mil rate was 1.43 per 1,000. If the tax levy would increase by \$50,000 the approximate mil rate would be 1.93.

Recycling Center

Currently we have 4 (8 yd) dumpsters for garbage & 4 (8 yd) dumpsters for recycling. Proposing to change to 5 (8 yd) dumpsters for garbage & 5 (8 yd) dumpsters for recycling so packing of the dumpsters would not be needed as often. Other options that were reviewed were 1) changing to packers – yearly cost of \$16,524, with an initial investment of \$23,000 for slab, electrical service plus a monthly electric bill and 2) curbside service --\$81,024 - \$91,152 per year equaling to \$192/\$216 per residence. All above costs are approximate.

Open Book will be held April 27 from 3 – 5 p.m. and **Board of Review**, May 22 from 5 – 7 p.m.

On April 20th, Senator Duey Stroebel along with Rep. Jesse Kremer will be holding a town hall session at Campbellsport Public Library 10 a.m. and at New Holstein Public Library 4:30p.m.

Next year's annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

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

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion was made by Mary Winkler to adjourn; seconded by Dean Thelen. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk