

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 19, 2016

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, Tom Steffen and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Twenty-seven members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2015 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. There was a question on the Joint Hall Commission's report in reference to the receipts and expenses. They were informed that Deb Johnson handles that report; however, they were directed to the supporting documentation on the following pages and their question was answered. Mike Schmitz motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Gerry Lefeber. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were also handed out. Earl Merten motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jeanne Bord. 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. Remainder of Elm Road between Hemlock Rd & Cty Rd WH was pulverized and paved. The road was paved wider on the hillsides and 4" of thickness at the intersections.
2. Cypress Road was seal coated over the gravel in an effort to save the base.
3. Crack filling was not done this past year.

Culvert replacement:

Two culverts were replaced with concrete pipe: 24" on Oak and a 24" on Division

Tree & Brush Trimming:

We finished on Hemlock and Elm Roads except a few stumps need to be addressed yet. We plan on cleaning up under the power lines before they are grown into again.

Grass Mowing:

Gerry Lefeber did the grass mowing this past year. There were two single passes mowed and then in the fall it was mowed out as far as he could reach to control the brush. Additional

attention was given to intersections. The same practice will be followed this year. When permission is given, Gerry mows from the field side when the crops are off.

Snow Plowing:

The unusual season had been hard on the roads; the crew did a good job this year. One load of salt was delivered this past year and still have enough sand/salt mixture to start next year.

Recycling Center:

Continuing to run smoothly under the supervision of John and Mike with the cooperation of the citizens. The staff would like to remind the patrons that we e-cycle. Contact Waste Management for disposal; additional numbers are also on the DNR website. Interstate Batteries is accepting our dry cell batteries. Oil filters are now taken to American Implement , which is acceptable by the DNR.

Road Signs:

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

Wolf Lake:

Along with the Mt. Calvary Fire Department, the Town had a loading pad for the pump trucks made at the Wolf Lake Boat Landing.

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.

Bug Tussel:

Wireless internet service is now available in the Township.

Snowplow:

The new truck was delivered March 23rd. It is a 2015 Western Star truck with a 2 way plow, 11' benching wing with box and sander. It came in less than what was budgeted. A few issues showed up at the last snowfalls, which are being looked into.

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

New Business:

Equipment Maintenance:

Keeping an eye on expenditures, it was determined that the equipment maintenance was a priority. Oshkosh Plow Truck needs new springs; it was taken to Accurate in Appleton for service.

Approximate cost is \$7600. The grader's transmission and torque converter was taken to Heavy Equipment Specialists in Slinger. That repair bill will be approximately \$10,000.

Road work:

1. Hoping to work on Oak Road in the near future, culverts will be replaced on Oak Road so they can settle in prior to resurfacing.
2. There is a large hole on Basswood Road that needs addressing.
3. Planning to do crackfilling and seal coating on Seven Hills and Redwood and possibly pulverize and repave on West Shore Lane and Southwest Circle Drive.

Wages for elected officials and hourly employees:

Increase all hourly positions--50 cents/hour effective January 2017
Recycling Center Custodians (\$14.50 to \$15), General Road/Shop (\$14 to \$14.50), Snow Plow (\$16 to \$16.50), Grass Cutter Roadside (\$15 to \$15.50), Lawn Mower @ Garage Site (\$11 to \$11.50) and Brush Cutting (\$16 to \$16.50)

Election officials from \$9/hr to \$10/hr – effective January 2017

Zoning Administrator-- \$300/year– effective January 2017 (\$1200 to \$1500)

\$500/year for Chairman (\$8500 to \$9000), Treasurer (\$8500 to \$9000) and Clerk (\$16000 to \$16500). The two Supervisors declined an increase.

John asked if there were any questions about the wage increase. It was asked what the snowplow drivers in the Town of Forest received. The Board did not know the answer. Liz Ebertz questioned the effective date of the elected officials' salaries. John noted he forgot to mention that the Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk's salaries would not be in effect until after the April 2017 election. A motion by Jim Schaefer, seconded by John Pickart to increase the wages as proposed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Open Book, April 21 from 3 – 5 p.m. and Board of Review, May 23 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Senator Duey Stroebel will be holding a listening session at the hall on May 23rd from 7 – 8 pm.

Next year's annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 8 p.m.

John asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the public. Paul commended the Town of the excellent job of resurfacing that was done on his road.

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion was made by John Pickart to adjourn; seconded by Gerry Lefeber. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk