

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 13, 2010 8:00 pm

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman John Bord. Other Town officials present were: Supervisor Ken Kraus, Treasurer Cathy Seibel, and Clerk Connie Pickart. Supervisor, Dennis Stenz was absent. There were 28 members from the public. Dale Borusky, Green Field Wind Farm Project Manager was also present. John led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were read. Paul Petrie moved to accept the minutes as read and Earl Steffen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes and no nays.

Copies of the 2009 Annual Report were available. Discussion followed. Jim Guelig asked for a breakdown of the snow vs. general road expenses. Cathy Seibel noted the Town of Marshfield paid \$40,761.00 to the Mt. Calvary Fire Department (MCFD) for fire protection, not \$26,299.99 as reported. With no further discussion, Earl Merten moved to accept the Report and Jim Guelig seconded. The Motion carried with all ayes and no nays.

John Bord reported:

Town Roads-7 new culverts were installed. Hickory Road was paved. Maple Road was seal-coated.

Fire Coverage-St. Cloud Fire Department (SCFD) approached The Town of Marshfield regarding coverage for residents east of a line drawn from Willow Road south to Hillview Road. If there is a fire "that side of the line" both Fire Departments will be contacted. MCFD will retain that property.

SCFD will receive \$6000.00 from the MCFD. This fee will not result in an increased assessment to the Town. It is for the added coverage SCFD will provide 'east of the line.' Fire assessment is based on the evaluation in 2008. The assessment may be raised each year according WI State tax levy mandates, but up to 3% of the previous year.

The 'building contract' expires in 2011. The Mt. Calvary Hall Commission will no longer receive \$50,000.00 rental that was agreed upon at the time of construction. A new 'building contract' is ready to be signed for a three year period. It will be based on square footage and divided between the MCFD, Mt. Calvary Ambulance Service, the Village of Mt. Calvary and the Town of Marshfield.

Wind Turbine Committee-An 800 number (877-380-0522) has been established for any resident with 'issues' that pertain to the wind turbines. Protocol requires that the 800 number be used first so that We Energies can log the complaint and forward it to the appropriate department.

John introduced Dale Borusky. Dale stated that We Energies is "trying to fix the gaps, holes and disputes" in a fair and consistent manner for all. We Energies paid for Green Bay local channels. However, residents also lost Milwaukee channels. Since it is not possible to get both channels with DISH-TV, We Energies has agreed to offer the 'Family Channel' for the duration of the turbines, not just 2 years as was previously contracted, or until better technology is available. We Energies will host an open house May 15, 2010.

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New Comprehensive Plan-The State of WI has mandated that all Towns redo their Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the new 'Working Lands Initiative' (WLI). The WLI will replace the present 'Farmland Preservation Program. A Public Meeting will be posted after details of the WLI are incorporated in the Town of Marshfield Code of Ordinances. Landowners will have the choice to add all or part of their Ag-zoned land to Exclusive Ag (farmland preservation) or General Ag. This issue involves zoning and special use permits.

Dump-A request to extend 'Recycling' hours has been refused because of lack of interest.

Census-The 2010 Census is in progress. Return your form or a delegate of the State Census Bureau will call on you personally.

Generator-A generator has been purchased for the Town Hall. The cost will be split 4 ways, Town of Marshfield, Village of Mt. Calvary, MCFD, and Mt. Calvary Ambulance.

Open Book will be April 27, 2010 from 4-6:00 pm. The assessment book will be available to the public for inspection and the necessary forms will be available for anyone who wishes to contest the assessment. The Board of Review will convene on May 12, 2010 from 6-8:00 pm.

Fire numbers have been installed per state mandate. State also mandates that all Road identification signs be replaced with new 9" reflective signs by 2012 and by 2018 all new traffic signage will be replaced.

Noxious weeds-FSA requires noxious weeds on CRP acreage be controlled. If not in compliance, CRP dollars can be withheld.

Election of Town Officials-The Town Board is considering going to a nomination process rather than the caucus method of electing Town Officials. Town officers would like input from the public.

Revaluation-In 2012 the Town is required to do a 'revaluation' of all properties to become compliant with State Statutes. This will cost approximately \$40,000.00 and involve a complete walk-through.

Warning sirens-Early warning sirens have been requested for the northeast portion of the township. Presently, warning sirens are not heard by many living in that area.

Monthly Meetings-The Town Board is entertaining the idea of changing the date of the monthly meetings. Again, public input is welcome.

Cell phone reception in the Town of Marshfield is very poor. To construct cell towers, individuals need to contact phone companies.

Town wages and salaries are considerably less than our counterparts in other FdL County municipalities. A salary increase is being proposed for the Town Chairman-\$8500.00; Treasurer-\$8500.00; and Clerk-\$12,500.00. Supervisors feel they are being adequately compensated at the present. Snow plow drivers and general road workers would receive \$15.00 and \$12.00 respectively. John Bord reminded that pay increases would not take place until new officials take office in April of 2011. John Pickart motioned to increase the salaries as presented. There was no further discussion. Neal Schaefer seconded. A secret ballot was conducted. Ballot officers were John Pickart and Jim Mueller. The results of the vote showed Yes-24 and No-3. Motioned carried.

New Snow Plow-Because of the many break-downs to the 1966 snow plow and the unavailability of replacement parts, the Town Board has been considering buying a new plow. Several options were presented. A new Kenworth is the plow of choice for a cost

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of \$95,300.00 (chassis) and \$55,000.00-\$65,000.00 (add-ons like box, blade, controls, etc.). After much discussion, Paul Petrie moved to “purchase a new plow truck per town board’s discretion. There was no further discussion. A hand vote showed 30 ayes and 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Tornado awareness week is April 19th-24th, 2010.

The 2011 meeting will be April 12, 2011 at 8:00 pm per WI Statutes.

Jim Schaefer moved to adjourn and Jim Baus seconded. A voice vote showed all “Ayes”, and no “Nays”. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The Annual Meeting 2011 is April 12, 2011 at 8:00 pm. per WI State Statutes.

Connie Pickart, Town Clerk