

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

January 4, 2010 8:00 PM
Marshfield Town Hall

Chairman, John Bord called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Town Officials were present. From the public were Kevin Schmitz, Jim Mueller, Larry Lamont, Mike Immel (Rural Insurance Agent), Fran Rieder and his friend. The Public notices were verified and Agenda approved.

Dennis moved to approve the minutes of the December Monthly Meeting as presented and Ken seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The Treasurer's report showed the following balances ending December 31, 2010:

Checking Account:	\$ 687,902.56
Money Market Account:	\$ 208,025.73
Equipment Fund:	\$ 148,862.10
Road Fund:	\$ 59,163.63

Cathy stated that the year-end total in the checking account is \$470.69 and the remainder is tax collections applied to 2010. Cathy reported the various rates of Certificates of Deposits (CD's) from local institutions ranged from 1.10% to 1.64% for a 6-month CD. The present Money Market rate is 1.00%. Dennis moved to transfer \$125,000.00 from the Equipment Fund to a 6-month CD. Ken seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Ken moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and Dennis seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Francis Rieder presented a document stating that he contacted Chairman Bord to *"visually inspect my property that shows my property has been used as a turn around for the Town of Marshfield snow plow of which I did not approve. I am requesting that the Town of Marshfield does not use my property as a turn around for any purpose in the future."* However, Mr. Rieder does not want the Town of Marshfield to consider abandonment of the town road (referred to as Muellenbach Road) located at N9585 CTH G, St. Cloud and asked that his statement be kept on file. Mr. Rieder also stated a neighbor, Ken Diederichs, was granted a road right-of-way variance to construct a shed in 1993. Since, they have planted trees alongside the road that obstruct road vision. Ken asked how Mr. Rieder would like the Town to proceed. Fran stated the Town should not bank the snow such that he no longer has access to his property. John stated, "We could continue as is for the rest of this year and whenever necessary clear a path to your (Rieder) property. Fran agreed to this proposal.

Mr. Rieder also stated the row of "trees needed to go". John stated the Town could not do anything at this time because of the weather and would meet with the parties involved to come to a resolution to the problems in the future.

Old Business:

1. Nomination Process-Procedures to change from a 'Caucus' nomination process to a 'non-partisan primary' system were discussed and will be presented to the public at the April Annual Meeting.
2. Zoning/Subdivision Ordinance-It was suggested to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Appeals, Zoning Board, Comprehensive Planning Committee, FdL Co

Planner, Sam Tobias and Martenson & Eisele to review and make the necessary changes and amendments to the Town of Marshfield 'Code of Ordinances'. Ken moved to accept Martenson & Eisele proposal of \$5,337.00 to assist the Town with making the necessary amendments. Dennis seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. A meeting will be scheduled.

3. Urban Towns Committee (UTC)-Ken stated that the UTC is a branch of the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) that mainly lobbies at Madison. The Town Board decided not to join the UTC at this time.

New Business:

1. Mike Immel of Rural Insurance reviewed the Town 'Business Owners' and 'Workman's Comp' policies. It was decided to increase the personal property portion to reflect the larger inventory of shop tools. The site and equipment portions will remain the same.
2. Move Date of Monthly Meetings-The Board discussed changing the monthly meeting dates from the first Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month. It will be presented to the public at the Annual Meeting.
3. District WTA Meeting Dates-The WTA district meetings will be attended by the all the Town Officials. The dates to be determined.

Reports of Officers:

John reported-

1. Information regarding Wind Turbine Committee meetings was given to the Town's attorney for review to be sure the Town is in compliance with all aspects of the turbine issue.
2. Batteries will be collected at the dumpsite and held in the shelter until a large number is collected.
3. Several companies were contacted to provide quotes on new and near-new snow plows. No quotes are available at the present.
4. A 750-watt generator will be purchased for the Town/Village Hall and financed by the Town/Village and Ambulance/Fire Departments. Quotes will be obtained from local electricians for installation.
5. There have been numerous break-downs with the snow plows. Finding parts is a problem. Salt/sand has been ordered.
6. The situation at Palm Tree Road/Riverside Hunting and Fishing Club will be discussed with all parties at a later date.

Dennis moved to pay all bills as presented including future tax settlements and meeting fees. Ken seconded. Carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Ken moved to adjourn and Dennis seconded. The meeting adjourned 10:13 pm.

Connie Pickart