

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 12, 2011 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 - Dennis Stenz and Ken Kraus, Clerk Connie Pickart, Treasurer Cathy Seibel and Clerk-Elect Marlene J Sippel. 30 members from the public were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

John Bord told those in attendance that all votes taken tonight were advisory. The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were read. Jr Siebel motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Tom Steffen. Motion carried.

Elected officials were sworn in – John Bord, Chairman; Dennis Stenz, and Ken Kraus, Supervisors; Cathy Seibel, Treasurer; Marlene J Sippel, Clerk.

John Bord thanked outgoing clerk, Connie Pickart, for the excellent job she did these past 8 years.

Copies of the 2010 Annual Report were available. The 2010 Ambulance report was handed out at the meeting. Liz Ebertz questioned the turnabout on Apple Lane. Tom Steffen questioned the Ag Use Penalties Income. Cathy Seibel noted that the county returns 50% of the charge to the town. Paul Petrie motioned to accept the annual report, seconded by Jim Schaefer. Motion carried.

The electors were briefed on the following:

Town Roads--

- a) First half of the road signs were completed this past year and the second half will be done this up coming year.
- b) Brush cutting was done. Hand trimming will be done this spring. If a landowner wants to keep the wood it should be removed in a timely manner or the town will have it chipped.
- c) Cypress Road – put in new road bed
- d) No other road work has been decided yet. Waiting to see what the prevailing wage schedule will be.
- e) Culvert on Pecan Road
- f) Culvert repaired on Locus Lane

Recycling Center--

- a) Replaced dumpsters with larger ones and relocated the dumpsters to make it handier.
- b) Batteries will be taken
- c) Paper will be recycled
- d) A separate barrel for oil filters will be gotten
- e) Waste oil can be taken to Schrage Bros and/or Meinnert Tractor Repair

The DNR has given the town an excellent status on recycling. The Town is about three times above the state average.

John Bord asked if you see someone losing their trash on the way to the dump, let them know so they can be aware of the situation and be more careful

If you see someone using Cypress Road as a dump site, please let the board know

Joint Hall Commission – A new agreement went into effect January 1, 2011

Generator – It is up and running.

Building Permits – Paul Birschbach is doing all the building permits, reports, and inspections.

Monthly meetings – Changed to the 2nd Monday of the month.

Snow Plow Truck—There was a lot of snow this year and the men did an excellent job. The Town purchased the truck and equipment for \$153,731. The 66 Oshkosh was sold for \$5500 and by using the old mold board, the town save \$6000. The Town did not have to borrow any money for the purchase. This was done by the board using the extra monies left from the road budget and by Monroe letting the Town pay them at the end of the year.

Open Book – Will be in May

Board of Review – Will be in June

Revaluation—The property values have to be at 90%. The Town is at 89.63%. The revaluation will start in fall and be complete in spring. If we do not do it, the State of Wisconsin would step in and designate who will do it and what it will cost. Bowmar Appraisal Inc has been retained. A complete revaluation, outside and inside, will be done. The assessors will make their rounds. If they miss you, a mailing will go out to the property owner notifying them when they will be available again to inspect their property. If you choose not to let them in, you can not contest the revaluation.

Fees & Salaries – As approved at budget hearing.

Water Testing – Optional well testing will be available at property owner's expense later this year. Paul Petrie asked if it was a kit and mentioned that property owner should follow proper procedures in collecting the sample so no improper results would be obtained. John Bord said he was working with Diane Cappozzo of Fond du Lac County. John Bord thanked Paul Petrie for the insight on making sure accurate readings are received.

Website—John Bord asked those present if they knew the Town had a website and if they were using it. It was decided for a one year trial to put the treasurer's report on site. If there is any other helpful/useful information that you would like to see on the site, please let the board know.

Joe Leibham—Will be at the town hall on April 18, 2011 from 6 – 7 p.m. He will give a 5 to 10 minute recap of what's happening in Madison. Then discussion of the turbines. It will be a question and answer session. If time allows, it will open up for any other concerns. John Bord will e-mail Steve Kestell to see if he would also be available.

Comprehensive Plan -- Done

Ordinance Book – Nearly finalized

Zoning Map – Working on zoning map. Affected people will get a letter. A public hearing will be held April 27, 2011 at 8 p.m. A week before the meeting, a map will be available in the lobby of the town hall to view ahead of time. The Town is hoping to put a pdf file on the web site also. It will not affect assessed values, just zoning.

OTHER—

Litter – It was noted that if you see farmer's silo bags and/or bunker bags scattered around, please bring it to the farmer's attention.

Dennis Stenz received a revised agenda from the Education, Agriculture and Recreation Committee, that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the UW-FDL, Room AE205/6. On the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the proper county officials to market and sell the Calvary Marsh.

Wayne Mueller discussed the dredging work at Wolf Lake.

Jim Mueller discussed the wind turbines – The 3 main complaints are noise, flickers and land values.

Motion by Jr Seibel to adjourn, seconded by Herbert Pickart. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Marlene J Sippel, Town Clerk