

## TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 16, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 7:30 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. Twelve members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2018 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. It was explained what the difference of "return of dog license" and "dog license" was. Return of dog license is money the Town receives from the County and the payment of dog license is the amount paid to the treasurer according to state statutes for collection of dog licenses.

Jr Seibel motioned to accept the annual report as presented, seconded by Herb Pickart. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were also handed out. Neal Schaefer motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Schaefer. Motion carried.

John Bord reminded those in attendance that any votes taken tonight are advisory to the Board.

The electors were briefed on the ongoing or completed projects:

The north half of Oak Road was completed. It was pulverized, graded, paved and shouldered. \$140,203.69 was spent on Oak Road this past year; however the Town received a LRIP grant from the State of \$30,302.01. Basswood Road was single seal coated with stone. Seven Hills Road was crack filled, wedged and double seal coated with black slag over stone, as the dark surface aids in clearing off the ice faster.

A culvert was installed on Basswood Road, just east of John Sesing.

Brush trimming was finished on Pecan Lane.

Grass mowing was done the same as in previous years. There were two single passes mowed during summer and then in the fall it was mowed out as far as they could reach to control the brush. Mowing will be completed from the field side when the crops are off, if permission is given.

Snow plowing season started slow at first but the crew was busy in January and February. The Town used twice as much sand and salt as last year.

John mentioned if anyone has any questions, they may ask at any time.

Mike and Curt continue to work at the recycling center making sure it runs smoothly. John is working only occasionally. Additional attendants are Dylan Guelig, Jared Schmitz and newcomer Mitchell Diederich.

Road traffic signs and fire numbers continue to be replaced as needed.

The Town will continue to enforce the noxious weed ordinance this year, as in previous years. Tom Steffen is our current weed commissioner. If there are any complaints, necessary forms are available on the Town's website or at the Town office.

The Town garage was changed over to natural gas.

An ATV/UTV ordinance was adopted this spring. Jim Thome showed one of the signs that will be installed on the town roads. Any signage that needs to be completed on County Roads has to be done by the County, which any cost sent to the Town will be reimbursed by Jim. A mail box replacement policy due to snowplow damage was also put into place.

Alexa Guelig was awarded a scholarship from the Wisconsin Towns Association. Her article was published in the WTA's monthly magazine.

#### **New Business:**

A secure drop box will be installed at the east entrance to the hall for any correspondence for the Town. It will be accessible 24/7. It is planned to be completed prior to this coming year's tax season.

Road work has not yet been fully determined. The plan was to work on Redwood Road and Pine Road; however due to frost and utility work, Ash Road needs to be completed this year. A portion of Pine Road needs addressing--a new culvert needs to be installed and a portion of the road needs to be raised. Hinn Road needs work; along with a few culverts that need attention in the Town. Depending on what the numbers come in at, additional work may or may not be done.

The Town is in the process of getting an emergency response plan in place for any natural disaster. It includes contact information along with job descriptions for personnel and volunteer help. It is important during that time to make sure you have proper documentation from start to finish, such as pictures and paperwork, for aid from FEMA or the State.

John asked for permission or authority to raise taxes this coming year. It was questioned, "why is it necessary?" John replied the biggest reason is roads. The State currently allows the Town to raise the budget by 2%, but sometimes, it is not adequate. Herb Pickart moved to give the Board authority to raise taxes if needed, Mary Jo Winkler seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote of ayes.

State highway 23 project is starting. It is starting in Sheboygan County to the County line. The following years schedule is from the County line to Seven Hills Road; then Seven Hills Road to the four lane on the west side. Anticipated finish date is 2022.

The Town donated \$1500 to the Village of St. Cloud for playground equipment at Riverside Park.

If you received a change of assessment notice and would like to speak with the Assessors, Open Book will be held Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 p.m. If you are still unhappy with the results, Board of Review is Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. Paperwork for scheduling an appointment for Board of Review is available from the Clerk. It was questioned who the Assessors are; they are Joel Ryan and Bill Kiekhaefer.

No one was available from the Fire Department to report. If there are any questions, they should contact someone from the Department. Ken Kraus reported the Ambulance Service sold an ambulance. The Ambulance Staff will now be allowed to work up to their level of care (license), being either AEMT/paramedic upon Dr. Larsen's approval. Then the new operational plan will be submitted to the State for final approval. Their Brat Fry will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Someone questioned how many calls do the Fire Department and Ambulance Department have. Ken Kraus said the ambulance has one a day and Marlene Sippel reported that we have not received the call report from the Fire Department yet but she will forward the information to them. Additional questions were addressed to Ken about the Ambulance Service which were answered.

Next year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 , 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion was made by Mary Jo Winkler to adjourn; seconded by Jr Seibel. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk