

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2020

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. Two members of the public were also in attendance, Mike Schmitz and Jr Seibel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2019 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. Mike Schmitz motioned to accept the annual report as presented, Jr Seibel seconded. Motion carried.

John Bord told the public that any votes taken tonight are advisory to the Board.

John gave a report on the roads. Due to the winter of 2018-2019 and the spring of 2019, the early thaw in March only pulled some of the frost out. After the water went down, there was some washing and more damage became evident after the remainder of the frost disappeared. Hinn, Cypress and Ash Roads suffered the most damage. Additional damage occurred on Ash Road due to work on the turbine; which WE Energies compensated the town \$12,000 towards damages. Due to declaring a flooding emergency, the town was eligible for Wisconsin Disaster Fund Assistance which resulted in receiving \$19,377.20. Work completed on roads this year was – Ash – dug out east end, pave and seal coat; Cypress – dug out 10 sink holes, pave and seal coat; shouldering was also completed on Ash and Cypress. Pine – replace culvert with concrete pipe and raised road 2 feet thru that section; River Lane – fixed bank that caved and reseeded it; Calmar – set culvert and did some ditching; Oak and Elm – minor repairs; Hinn – dug out 900' and cold mix; Walnut – mill road where culvert rose; Holly – patch hole and culvert; and crackfilled Ash and Cypress Roads.

The John Deere Tractor had a seal leaking and lost a bearing, which was repaired. The Oshkosh was going to have the brakes repaired but when it was torn apart it was determined that additional items should also be addressed – transfer case, clutch, transmission, fuel tanks and a few other small items.

Grass mowing was also completed this past year. Two rounds were completed earlier and due to the rain in the fall, mowing was cut short.

Mike Schmitz and Kurt Pegel do a good job running the Recycling Center. Additional attention is currently being given to the recycling items as plastic bags are not recyclable and are the number one contaminant causing significant problems for processing facilities.

Signs – roads, traffic and fire numbers are maintained on yearly basis as needed.

The Wisconsin Towns Association will take care of posting the Noxious Weed Notice for the Town in the paper. Complaint forms are available on the website.

ATV/UTV ordinance was adopted this past year, making all town roads routes. Applications are currently in by the Fond du Lac County Highway Department to add some routes on county roads.

A drop box was installed by the east entrance of the town hall. It is available 24-7. It has worked out well for dropping off tax payments and other documents.

The Town adopted an Emergency Management Plan this past year.

The Town also received an Election Security Subgrant for a new computer and security.

The Town was awarded a LRIP grant of \$30,836.87 for Pine Road, which will be probably done in 2021, due to the traffic coming out of the gravel pit this year with the construction of Highway 23. The Town will be working on the culvert on Holly Road; due to the flooding in September 2019, we applied to the State again for Disaster Aid Fund for the damage on Holly Road. Depending on where numbers come in at, tentative plans are to -- Seal coating Redwood and Elm Roads; replace culvert on Hemlock, and crackfill Elm and a portion of Oak Road.

Jr Seibel moved to give the Board the authority to raise taxes this fall, if needed, Mike Schmitz seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote of ayes.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were also distributed. Jr Seibel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Mike Schmitz seconded. Motion carried.

Open book was held this past week on April 16, 2020. Board of Review will be held on Wednesday, May 20th from 5 – 7 p.m

An appointment to have a resident serve on the Ambulance Board for a two year term was discussed. Mike Schmitz moved to nominate Debra Johnson to serve on the Ambulance Board for a two year term; Jr Seibel seconded. Motion carried.

Next year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Jr Seibel moved to adjourn; Mike Schmitz seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk