

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Bord, Chairperson. Other Town officials present were: Supervisors Ken Kraus and Wayne Mueller, Treasurer Cathy Seibel and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Members of the Public included 12 electors and 3 representatives from Bug Tussel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2022 annual report were distributed. There was a question on the \$89,338 that was spent on Rusmar Road. John explained that the expense was only for the Town's portion of Rusmar. The Town of Russell is responsible for the portion that runs between Chestnut Road and River Lane Rd. Cathy commented that the \$19,085 was from Fond du Lac County for the sales tax allocation. The ARPA funds listed on page 1 of \$120,159.50 was the total amount received. No more ARPA funding will be received. This year, 2023, the Town allocated \$87,271.92 to pay for the fire department and ambulance service's assessments. It was questioned if the ARPA funds could be used for roads, which they may. There being no other questions, Mike Schmitz motioned to accept the annual report as presented, Gerry Lefeber seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were also distributed. Tom Steffen motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Tony Morgen seconded. Motion carried.

John reminded the electors that any votes taken are advisory to the Town Board.

Reports were given—

ROADS

- No pulverization or hot mix was completed in 2022.
- In a joint venture with the Village of Mt. Calvary, an aluminum box culvert was installed on Basswood Road.
- Rusmar Road was crack filled and seal coated with black granite.
- Coconut Road had a new culvert replaced at the intersection of Cty CCC. The road was full wedged and seal coated with black granite.
- Maple Road and part of Oak Road were crack filled.
- Two additional culverts were replaced and patched – one on Willow Road and the other on Fire Lane #1031 (John Gierach).

EQUIPMENT

- Oshkosh had an annual inspection done. New plow pivot points, pins, bushings and all wing cables were replaced.
- Kenworth had engine ECM replaced two years ago. Working to get some of the costs covered under warranty.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The recycling center continues to run smoothly with the dedicated services of Mike Schmitz, Kurt Pegel and Jared Schmitz. Need assistance of residents to see that their trash is secured while traveling to the center so littering is held to a minimum.
- Three passes were completed for roadside mowing.
- Tree trimming was completed on portions of Redwood Road, Calmar Road and Palm Tree Road.
- A number of fire numbers and road signs were replaced. This past year several road signs were stolen. The Town has a \$500 deductible; however, the Town is liable for replacement as we don't meet the deductible.
- Noxious weed ordinance is still in place. Complaint forms are available on the website.
- The drop box in the vestibule on the east side of the entrance is available 24/7 for dropping off paperwork or payment of taxes. Return of absentee ballots are no longer accepted via the drop box. They must be returned in person or by mail.
- The reval was completed this past year, bringing the Town in compliance with the State.
- The phone and internet upgrades are completed. With grant monies received, the Town has transitioned to a wi.gov email domain.
- The Nine Arch Bridge is now listed on the Wisconsin and National Register of Historic Places. This opens up opportunities for applying for grant monies.

UPCOMING YEAR - 2023

- The Comprehensive Plan is being updated this year following up with the Farmland Preservation also being updated. Wayne is heading this project. A public information meeting is being planned for May 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. A mailing to all landowners advising them of the meeting will be sent out later this month.
- On February 13, 2023 a special meeting of electors was held. Approval was given to the Board to authorize the construction of a salt shed. Tentative plans are to build off to the east side of the present garage and repave the yard. Will be looking to purchase additional land from Kay Sesing. The new salt shed will be 32' x 40'. Estimated cost of building with excavating and electric is \$92,000. Estimates to upgrade electrical in current garage is \$5,000 and \$50,000 for paving the parking lot.
- Basswood Road, the quarter mile from Cty WW, will be worked on. This cost will be split 50 – 50 between the Village of Mt. Calvary and the Town. Additional roads to be considered are Hemlock Road and Holly Road.
- A cable will be fixed on the Western Star along with sheeve work on the rear post. Rear tires are needed on the John Deere loader tractor and a new dumpster packer was built.
- Open book will be May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Board of Review is scheduled for May 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- South Shore Lane was never deeded to the Town. The Town is pursuing to complete this. The Town at the same time would like to acquire a portion of property on the west end for a turnaround. Motion Jr Seibel, second Peter Keifenheim to authorize the Town Board to purchase this land for \$1600. Motion carried.

- The Board would like to purchase land on the east end of the town garage property to construct the salt shed. Motion Gerry Lefeber, seconded Earl Merten to authorize the Town Board to purchase that portion of land from Kay Sesing for \$2,000 or less. Motion carried.
- Tony Morgen moved to appoint Ken Kraus to a two year term to the Ambulance Board. Jim Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.
- There are Well Abandonment Grant and Well Compensation Grant monies that are available. More information is posted on the DNR website.
- Next year's annual meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

It was asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There was a question if work would be done on the culvert on Walnut Road; it is planned on being addressed.

Kris Peterson, Bill Steiner and Sam Schoenik of Bug Tussel were in attendance. Sam presented an outlook of Bug Tussel and upcoming projects in the area –wireless network (towers) and fiber network. For additional information, they can be contacted at btussel.com or 877-227-0924

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion to adjourn was made by Jr Seibel and seconded by Gerry Lefeber. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel, Town Clerk