

# TOWN OF CARY, Wood County, Wisconsin

## Unapproved Minutes of Monthly Meeting, February 9, 2021

Attending: James Patrick, Chairman, Dennis Brunner, Supervisor, Dale Zawislan, Supervisor, Barbara Schmidt, Treasurer, Marlene Neve, Deputy Clerk, and four township residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Chairman James Patrick and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those present.

**Minutes** of the January meeting were read and approved as corrected on motion by Dale Zawislan, seconded by Dennis Brunner. Motion passed.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Barbara Schmidt. Motion to accept by Dennis Brunner, seconded by Dale Zawislan. Motion passed.

There was no **public input**.

### Old Business:

All paperwork has been completed for candidates for office in the **spring election**.

After brief discussion, motion by Dennis Brunner, seconded by Dale Zawislan to approve **training for candidates for clerk and treasurer** between now and election. Motion passed.

Numerous **Timber Cut notices** have been received. To date, none will require new access from township roads. Landowners will be responsible for any road damage at access area, the Town will repair, but they would be billed.

**Tax Statement Update Sheet for 2021:** Barb and Carey Rucker (Treasurer Candidate) will work on together.

**Insurance Increase Quote:** Review of changes requested to our insurance policy: Increasing Personal Property to \$10,000, with increase to cover personal property in garages, grader value increase to \$133,000, increase backhoe value to \$43,750, increase Premise Operation Medical Expense to \$10,000, and include monitor and keyboard in clerk's computer description. Add Towing for truck. Motion made by Dale Zawislan, seconded by Dennis Brunner to request those changes be made. Motion passed. Jim will call agent to request.

**Garbage Collection:** Discussion about how to improve service. Some garbage not being picked up, resulting in bags being left by roadside week after week. Requiring garbage bin for all mentioned. Some bins now are currently being left in the roadway continuously resulting in necessity of Tim getting out of truck or grader to move before progressing with plowing. Supervisors will be in contact with Brian Slinkman of Country Disposal to discuss. Tabled until next month.

### Equipment:

**Plow Truck Repairs:** First bill received for \$3300+, there will be another, probably in \$3000+ range. Hopefully then truck will be in good shape for some time. Water pump, thermostat and EGR pump replaced along with several lines that had rusted out. Labor intensive, probably 20+ hours. Problems result of design problem and several years of virtually no preventive maintenance. In viewing some parts on County truck plow blades, two changes

were made to our blade: wear shoe assembly and Carbide wear blade. Both seem to improve durability. We will evaluate as time goes by. Expect to get truck back Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Tow Truck Calls:** Nieman Service had to be called twice for towing help for truck. First, it was in the ditch at the end of Johnson Rd., grader was unable to pull it out. Then, EGR overheated, needed to be towed to County garage for service.

**Personal tools in Shop:** Tim has been bringing in his own tools so he has what he needs to complete work. He would sell the following to the Township: Porter Cable Cordless Drill, Porter Cable Impact Drill, 2 battery packs and charger for \$75. Motion was made by Dale Zawislan, seconded by Dennis Brunner to purchase those tools from Tim Ecker for \$75. Motion passed.

### **Roads:**

**Ditch Mowing:** Bid for mowing in summer of 2021 received from Shawn Dupee Construction, LLC: \$65/hour for passes 1, 2, 3. Motion by Dennis Brunner, seconded by Dale Zawislan to accept Shawn Dupee bid for ditch mowing for 2021 at rate of \$65 for passes 1, 2 & 3. Motion passed.

**CaryRock/Lindsey/HwyV corner apron damage:** Town of Rock chairman notified of damage. Both towns will examine damage in April and decide on necessary action.

**Road work discussion:** Chairman presented supervisors with notes about condition of roads in township, work completed since 2008, work to be scheduled, in future , cost of gravel last year , Magnesium Chloride application and State road aids. Lengthy discussion. No action taken. Will revisit in March or April agenda.

### **New Business:**

**Change of time to sign checks:** Discussion about moving check signing to before the meeting rather than after. No action taken. Will place on March agenda.

**Clerk/treasurer, elected vs appointed:** Discussion about possibly bringing forward ordinance and referendum to allow for appointment of clerk or treasurer, rather than elected. The change would not take effect until after election in 2023. It would give the Board the option of being able to appoint someone in case there was no one residing in Town of Cary willing to run for those offices. No action taken.

**Post-election expenses:** Clerk will prepare chart of each election cost in 2020, so Board will have that information to use in budget planning for 2022. It will be presented at March meeting.

**Items from Clerk:** Public test for election on Saturday, February 13, 10:30 AM, Election on Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Clerk has had training from Nancy Young on managing website. Motion to **pay bills** by Dennis Brunner, seconded by Dale Zawislan. Motion passed. Motion to **adjourn** at 9:37 by Dale Zawislan. Seconded by Dennis Brunner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Marlene Neve, Deputy Clerk