

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Town of Cary, Wood County, Wisconsin
November 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Patrick following the Budget Hearing and Special Meeting. Board Members present included Supervisors Dennis Brunner and Dale Zawislan, Treasurer Barbara Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Marlene Neve. There were 13 residents and 3 non-residents also present.

There was discussion about how to change the budget to meet residents' wishes to not increase levy as voted at the Special Meeting. It was decided to adopt the total budget and make adjustments to individual items later. Dennis made a motion to adopt the budget of \$107,567, Dale seconded, motion passed.

Clerk's minutes of the October meeting. A motion to approve was made by Dale, seconded by Dennis, motion passed.

Public Input: A fencing issue between three township parties was discussed at length. Jim stated the Board's policy of neutrality and referred to State statutes. Lynne McDonald formally requested a fence-viewing. Viewers will be appointed for property to west and north of the McDonald property. Suggestion was made by Jim that parties should come to an agreement, sign, have notarized and file with the Town Board. Dennis Brunner, Dale Zawislan and Jim Patrick will act as fence-viewers.

A resident asked about the charges for ambulance usage, beyond what is included in taxes. Jim responded that he had spoken with Fire Department Chief Jerry Minor and was told that the tax levy for ambulance was for provision of service and that when someone actually used the service, there was a user fee. The Fire Department does not issue an additional charge for responding.

Old Business:

1. Cook Road ATV activity. Dale talked to Sheriff's department and they agreed to increased presence for monitoring both Cook Rd. and Steffek Road.
2. FEMA signoff. Form needed to be completed acknowledging that our expenses did not qualify, as we spent less than the minimum amount of \$3,200. That has been done.
3. TRIP and LRIP funds. Unless we start blacktopping or need bridge work, it is unlikely we will be able to receive any TRIP money. There is some Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) grant money available. Application deadline is December 6, 2019, with money to be used within six years. After discussion, it was agreed to pursue this grant to rebuild one mile of Steffek Rd. between Co. Hwy. V and Lindsey Rd. Dale made a motion to apply for funding for one mile of Steffek Rd., between Co. Hwy. V and Lindsey Rd. from LRIP. Dennis seconded, motion passed.
4. WEC Funds. The board had approved applying for the WEC grant to purchase a computer, software and IT support for clerk to help comply with Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) security requirements that will be effective in January, 2020. We have received \$1,100. Jim and Marlene will work to complete the purchases.
5. WTA convention. Jim reported on convention, with Dale adding comments, and Jim handed out notes he'd made.
6. Reimbursement policy for board members. A draft was handed to supervisors to look over. Motion to table until next meeting made by Dale, seconded by Dennis, motion passed.
7. Fall Road Inspection Summary was handed to supervisors.
8. Procedure for Budget preparation. First draft was presented. Motion to table until next meeting was made by Dennis, seconded by Dale, motion passed.

9. Electric Utility Information. We now have a map showing which part of the town each electric vendor services. Vendors are Clark Electric Cooperative, Oakdale Electric Cooperative and Alliant Energy. This will be helpful in case of power outages with lines down.

Equipment:

Case 580 work. Lane is ready to schedule work. He will replace or rebuild pivot points on lower unit and remove the Extendahoe and rebuild what is necessary to minimize uncontrollable motion. He will provide transportation. His estimate is \$4,000 for labor and parts (does not include transportation). We will be responsible for \$1,500.

Dennis made the motion to pay \$1,500 for repair on Case 580, with work to be done before the end of the year, Dale seconded, motion passed.

Fire extinguishers need to be on premises to be serviced. Dennis will take care of that.

Roads:

1. Jim will contact backup snowplow drivers: Jeff Ignatowski and Jim Poppy will be contacted. Dale will ride along with Tim to observe and then be a possible alternative.
2. Ditch cleaning is proceeding in Sparks Rd. and Lindsey Rd. area. Much water has drained away.
3. Jim received a phone call from taxpayer regarding usage of turnaround area at end of Steffek Rd. and the possibility of a lawsuit.
4. Eagle Road. Beaver issue in the town of Rock at Cary Rock Dr and County V is being resolved. So far nine beavers have been trapped and removed. There has been no more activity in the last 4 days. There may need to be a culvert installed if continued beaver activity results in persistent high water levels.

New Business:

1. A statement was handed out about garbage pick-up at rental units. It will be included in tax bills.
2. We have received a notice of non-compliance from the State regarding our valuation. We should be at about \$51,500,000 and we are at about \$41,700,000. Residential values are at about 80%, and swamp forest, fallow and farm sites are about 83%. We are being reassessed in 2020 and Assessor Jerry Wegner is preparing for that. The result should be, if the property values increase, the mill rate will go down, resulting in little change for most taxpayers.

A motion to pay bills was made by Dennis, seconded by Dale, motion passed.

The December meeting will be on December 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Neve, Deputy Clerk