

TOWN OF CARY
WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Unapproved Minutes of Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2021

Attending: Chairman James Patrick, Supervisor Dennis Brunner, Supervisor Dale Zawislan, Treasurer Barbara Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Marlene Neve, Deputy Clerk Jean Gansch, Spring Election Candidate for Chairman Mark Gosh and Treasurer Candidate Carrie Rucker and 4 township residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P. M. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and corrected. A motion was made by Dennis Brunner to approve the Minutes as corrected and seconded by Dale Zawislan. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented. Motion by Dale Zawislan to approve, seconded by Dennis Brunner. Motion passed.

Public Input: A Steffek Road resident expressed concern about culvert drainage onto his hayfield. After much discussion it was decided that Tim and Jim, as well as Mark, would meet on Friday, March 12th at 8:00 to visit the site, shoot a transit beam on both sides of the road and try to determine what action to take. It was then tabled until the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerk/Treasurer Appointed Positions: There was discussion about the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to allow for the clerk and Treasurer positions to be appointed in the event that no one from the Township would be willing to run for those offices. There would also have to be a referendum during the next two-year election cycle. It would not take effect until 2023.

Dennis Brunner made a motion to enact an Ordinance to allow for appointed clerk/treasurer positions. After more discussion the motion was rescinded. No other action was taken and it was tabled until the April meeting.

Election Expenses: Marlene presented a recap of 2020 election expenses, along with a projection of the cost of future elections. This information will be helpful as the Board builds the budget for next year. Election costs were quite high last year as there were five elections and a totally new Election Board requiring additional training, as well as a turnover of clerks.

Check Signing earlier on meeting night: Discussion was held regarding moving the signing of checks to before the rest of the meeting and starting the meeting somewhat earlier. No decision was made, tabled until April meeting.

Rural Insurance coverage changes: The requested changes have been made, with an additional premium of \$122. The total annual premium has been split out between general township and highway costs and the correction made on the February spreadsheets.

Garbage Collection report: Dennis spoke with Brian Slinkman regarding complaints about garbage pickup. He was not troubled by it, it's just part of the job. He is considering making a container bin mandatory in next year's contract. That would alleviate some of the problems.

EQUIPMENT:

The truck repairs have been completed, with work being done by the County Shop. Tim reports the truck runs better than ever: it has more power, has more heat on the windshield and doesn't overheat.

ROADS

In Governor Evers Proposed State Budget, road aid would increase by 2% in 21-22 and in 22-23. To maintain our State aid, we will need to spend \$104,000 this year. If increases survive, we'd need to spend \$106,000 next year and \$108,000 the following year.

Road Inspection

The annual Road Inspection meeting has been set for April 7, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. Board members as well as Tim Ecker and Mark Gosh will meet at the Town Hall at 8:00 AM.

50/50 Road Aid: Decision due to County by July 1, 2021, if we are going to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit of 2020 books: Was almost completed, but will wait for some additional information and complete at April Meeting. **Audit of first quarter of 2021** will also be done at that time.

Parcels in tax arrears of 1, 2, 3 years: Jim has list of unpaid taxes for past three years.

Board of Review: Jerry Wegner has indicated he would be ready to conduct Open Book by April 26, 2020 at 6 PM. Board of Review would meet the following week on May 2, 2020. Clerk will present information on Board of Review timelines at April meeting and final decision will be made.

Annual Meeting: Will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 P. M. It will be noticed in the paper as well as the website and in the boxes.

Loan Repayment: Discussion about repayment of truck loan, which is for five years. There is no early repayment penalty. Board needs to be aware that taxes could not be collected after the fact if the loan is repaid early, using funds in savings. Also need to have approval in writing from Bank for early repayment.

Elected Officer Salary: Any elected Town official must be paid their salary as long as they are in office, whether they are able to perform their duties or not and have not resigned. There was also discussion about how to handle April salaries, when old Board is in office through April 19th and new Board takes office on April 20th. Dale Zawislan made a motion to prorate the salaries, with 2/3 going to the old Board and 1/3 going to the new board for the month of April. Seconded by Dennis Brunner. Motion passed.

Elected Official subpoenaed for trial: Discussion about paying for time and/or mileage if board member or township employee gets subpoenaed due to work related incident. There is currently no procedure in place. No action taken, tabled until April meeting.

Clerk Information:

Election Report: 24 voters, including 5 absentees and 5 poll workers.

Computer: New Virus Protection Plan has been purchased. Still have two years + left in grant.

Website: Clerk getting message when updating that we do not have an exclusive domain name. Talked to Nancy, her opinion is that we should do update. \$12 per month. Tabled until April.

Hazard Mitigation Binder: From Emergency Government has arrived. We need to pass resolution accepting. Tabled until April.

Hall Cleaning: Clerk will contact Jessica to see if she is willing to do it.

Treasurer Information: There will be two new people on garbage collection beginning March 1st. No problem with garbage vendor, but recycling vendor will not go up Flugstad Lane. Resident would have to bring recycling down to Baltus Road.

Treasurer will write Wisconsin Historical Society for permission to give our 1960s era ledger to Pittsville Area Historical Society, who is our repository for historical records.

April Meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 6:00 P. M.

Motion to pay bills by Dennis Brunner, seconded by Dale Zawislan.

Motion to adjourn at 10:35 P.M. by Dale Zawislan, seconded by Dennis Brunner.

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Neve, Deputy Clerk