

TOWN OF MARTELL
Dec. 11, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to approve the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to approve the minutes from the Public Budget Hearing held Nov. 13, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve the minutes of the Special Town Meeting also held Nov. 13, 2018. Motion carried.

The board accepted the treasurer's report with November disbursements of \$21,907.66 and receipts of \$18,474.85 for a month-end balance of \$72,388.55.

Old business:

Road work: Road patrolman Bob Ortnier reported that he is working on tree cutting. Taplin said Eric Eckhoff is willing to help with snowplowing on weekends when help is needed. Pay will be \$25 per hour.

New business:

Driveway permits: Taplin said there were none.

Employee's report: Ortnier reported that in November he spent 102 hours on road maintenance, 46 hours on shop work and 21 ½ hours plowing and sanding.

Payment of bills: Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to pay the November bills. Motion carried.

Assessor contract: The board received the 2019 contract from Mark Garlick, Chimney Rock Appraisal, to serve as town assessor. Garlick is a certified assessor and licensed appraiser. The contract price will be \$7,900, the same as the 2018 price. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Date for Town Caucus: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to hold the Town Caucus on Jan. 8, 2019, immediately following the regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Olson request for permit: Board members discussed a permit request from Dale and Sheila Olson, N8589 690th St., River Falls. The Olsons are applying to the Pierce County Land Management Committee for a Conditional Use Permit, allowed under Sec. 240-40A of Wisconsin Statutes, for an accessory residence. The structure for which permission is requested would be used for overnight guests or short-term stays, said Dale Olson. The structure replaces a mobile home that had been “grandfathered in” but has been removed. Motion by Worsing, second by Taplin, to recommend approval of the permit. Motion carried with Olson abstaining. Olson said he now needs to take the application to the county and pay the fee before the committee will hold a hearing.

Ellsworth Ambulance Service budget: Worsing, who represents Martell on the ambulance service board, said it recently held a very contentious meeting on its budget. He said the past year’s revenues did not cover expenses: 2018 budget net revenue was set at \$352,000 to achieve a balanced budget, but actual revenue was \$335,000.

The budget for 2019 also predicts unrealistic revenues, said Worsing. He said a new ambulance and other equipment are needed, but the use of reserves to cover operating expenses has depleted capital reserves that should have been used for those purchases.

Worsing said the service keeps pulling from reserves to cover shortfalls and now needs \$250,000 worth of equipment with no money to cover that. He said an organization can’t continually have more expenses than income and can’t inflate budgeted revenue to cover shortfalls.

Worsing said at the rate the service is going, in next 3-4 years the service will face bankruptcy.

He said there may be a meeting in February to discuss the situation, but he will not be able to attend.

Worsing said an option for Martell would be to drop out of the Ellsworth service and join either the River Falls or the Spring Valley service.

He said Spring Valley is only a transport service so the town would be better off going with River Falls, which has paramedics.

The problem of going with River Falls would be an increase in the time it takes for an ambulance to reach an emergency in Martell, but Ellsworth isn’t getting enough staff to cover shifts anyway, said Worsing.

He offered a list of things to discuss at a brainstorming session.

Purchase of blacktop patcher: Road patrolman Ortner had gotten price quotes from two asphalt repair equipment services: Falcon and Laursen.

He recommended a new (demo) two-burner diesel recycler from Laursen -- with a price of \$28,000 -- and co-purchasing with the towns of El Paso and Gilman.

Ortner said El Paso has agreed, but the Gilman board hadn't met yet.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to pay up to 50 percent of the cost, up to \$15,000, and buy the patcher from Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment. Motion carried.

The board also briefly discussed buying a John Deere tractor for mowing. Ortner was directed to get additional pricing from vendors.

Gopher Bounty: In June the Board voted to offer a bounty of \$3 a piece for gophers on a six-month trial basis. One person collected the bounty during the trial period. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to renew the gopher bounty for 12 months. Motion carried.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to hold the next regular Town Board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. Motion carried.

Open for discussion: No discussion items were raised.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
December 11, 2018

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Nov. 13 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
 - Employee's report
 - Approve payment of bills
 - Read correspondence
 - Set date for Town Caucus
 - Dale and Sheila Olson request for permit for accessory building
 - Discuss Ellsworth Ambulance Service budget
 - Discuss possible purchase of blacktop patcher
 - Discuss renewing gopher bounty
 - Set date for next meeting
 - Open for discussion
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- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL
Nov. 13, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson and clerk Judy Wiff. Treasurer Heather Sitz was absent.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to approve the minutes from the Oct. 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

The board accepted the treasurer's report with October disbursements of \$98,542.01 and receipts of \$34,202.41 for a month-end balance of \$75,821.36.

Old business:

Road patrolman Bob Ortnier said he is going to try the patcher that he has been looking at buying one more time. He said he hasn't been happy with the patcher's performance. Ortnier said the towns of El Paso and Gilman are on board with splitting the cost of a patcher.

Taplin asked if Ortnier had any idea of someone to work part-time plowing. Ortnier said he hasn't been looking into that. There was brief discussion of possible candidates.

Ortnier said he has couple of brushing projects planned.

New business:

Driveway permits: Taplin said there are none.

Employee's report: Ortnier reported that in October he spent 120 hours on road maintenance, 24 hours on shop work, and 8 hours cutting trees and brush.

Payment of bills: Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to pay the October bills. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to hold the next Board meeting on Dec. 11, 2018. Motion carried.

Open discussion: Harold Fosmo had called the clerk to complain of shooting at the town dump site, which is near his home. Taplin asked if anyone was approved to use the dump site for shooting and said no one should be going in when the gate is closed. He wondered about posting a sign prohibiting shooting. Worsing said he

will check with the county's emergency dispatch to see if there have been other complaints.

Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the regular board meeting.

Public Budget Hearing

At 7:25 p.m. Taplin called the Budget Hearing to order. Wiff said the hearing was properly posted and published.

There were no questions from town voters.

Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to close the Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

Special Town Meeting of Electors

At 7:32 p.m. Taplin called the Special Town Meeting to order.

Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the total 2018 Town levy (\$352,530) to be collected in 2019 and the total 2019 highway expenditures. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Motion carried on a vote of 6-0.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF TOWN OF MARTELL

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget which begins immediately after the regular meeting at the Town Hall, a special town meeting of the electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes will be held:

1. To adopt the 2018 town tax levy to be paid in 2019 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1) (A) of WI Statutes.
2. To approve the total 2019 total highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 81.03 (3) of WI Statutes.

Dated this 31th of October, 2018 Judith Wiff, Clerk

**Martell Town Board
Agenda
November 13 , 2018**

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Oct. 9 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

Public Budget Hearing

At the conclusion of the regular board meeting, there will be a public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget.

Special town meeting

At the completion of the public budget hearing, there will be a meeting of the town electors to adopt the 2018 levy to be paid in 2019 and to approve 2019 total highway expenditures.

- Adjourn

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF MARTELL

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 immediately following the regular meeting, there will be a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED BUDGET at the Town Hall at W5581 US Hwy 63. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the home of the town clerk by appointment. All persons are encouraged to attend this hearing and be heard. The following is a summary of the proposed 2019 budget:

	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$309,929	\$312,629	
Intergovernmental	\$149,778	\$149,778	
New shop	\$ 39,901	\$ 39,901	
Public charges for services	\$	\$	
Miscellaneous	\$ 40,634	\$ 15,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$540,242	\$517,308	-4%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 52,950	\$ 50,900	
Public Safety	\$ 62,466	\$ 71,900	
Public Works	\$308,858	\$ 280,905	
Health & Human Services	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200	
Culture/Education/Recreation	\$ 14,300	\$ 11,750	
Miscellaneous	\$ 915	\$ 1,100	
Equipment/Debt repay	\$ 51,652	\$ 51,652	
Bldg Shop/Repair Shop	\$ 39,901	\$ 39,901	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$540,242	\$ 517,308	-4%
Property taxes levied for Town	\$349,830	\$ 352,530	

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MARTELL TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget which begins immediately after the regular meeting at the Town Hall, a special town meeting of the electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Town board for the following purposes will be held:

1. To adopt the 2018 Town tax levy to be paid in 2019 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1) (A) of WI Statutes.
2. To approve the total 2019 total highway expenditures pursuant to Sec. 81.03 (3) of WI Statutes.

Dated this 25th of October, 2019. Judith Wiff, Clerk

TOWN OF MARTELL
Oct. 9, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to approve the minutes from the Sept 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Sitz gave the treasurer's report with September disbursements of \$80,169.05 and receipts of \$3,739.96 for a month-end balance of \$140,160.95.

Old business:

Taplin reported that all the work on 690th Avenue has been finished. Road patrolman Bob Ortner said a fire started in the town's 16-year-old patcher and he would like it replaced. Ortner said he has gotten estimates on the cost to replace the patcher, and the towns of Gilman and El Paso are interested in sharing the cost. Taplin said it would cost about \$6,000 apiece if the other towns split the cost. Ortner said he will arrange a demonstration of a new patcher with road workers from the other towns.

New business:

Driveway permits: Taplin said there were no new applications.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in September he spent 110 hours on road maintenance, 10 hours on road construction and 20 hours on shop work.

Payment of bills: Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to pay the September bills. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Motion by Olson, second by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on Nov. 13, 2018, followed immediately by the budget hearing. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Board members signed Ortner's 2018-2020 contract, which had been approved at the September meeting.

Taplin reported that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources inspected the old landfill and found some violations, but Ortner took care of those problems and the town has received a letter from the DNR saying the violations were corrected in a timely manner. Taplin also noted that the town can't haul brush to the landfill to burn.

Worsing reported that the ATT tower is up and being tested but is not fully functional yet.

Budget workshop:

Board members worked on the 2019 budget, planning total revenues of \$517,308 and expenditures of the same amount.

At 8:15 p.m. Worsing made a motion to adjourn. Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

**Martell Town Board
Agenda
October 9, 2018**

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Sept. 11 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Board 2019 budget workshop

- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL
Sept. 11, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were Board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to approve the minutes from the Aug. 21, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Sitz gave the treasurer's report with disbursements of \$29,658.59 and receipts of \$116,241.08 for a balance of \$216,590.04.

Old business: Road work: Taplin reported that 690th Avenue has been blacktopped and the work turned out really well. He said an intersection still needs to be finished.

Road patrolman Bob Ortner reported that he has to rewire the patcher

New business:

Driveway permit: Taplin said he reissued a driveway permit to Delmar Anderson on 690th St. Because of previous road work, part of driveway described in the original permit would have been on someone else's property, said Taplin. In the end, the driveway will be 100 ft. down the road from the one first proposed. Taplin said he didn't charge a fee to revise the permit, which is No. 2018-5.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve to approve the permit. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner said in August he worked 135 hours on road maintenance and 30 hours on road construction.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to pay the August bills. Motion carried.

Taplin signed the lease extension with The Friends of the Martell Schoolhouse Inc. The board had voted at the previous meeting to extend the lease for the former schoolhouse to July 14, 2029.

Preliminary budget discussion: Worsing, who serves as the town's representative to the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service, said the organization will raise its 2019 levy by \$5.50 per capita. The 2018 levy is \$18 per capita.

The board will hold a budget workshop at the conclusion of its regular October meeting.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to hold the next Board meeting on Oct. 9.

Motion carried.

Closed session: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to go into closed session to discuss Bob Ortner's contract. Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 7:35 p.m. After discussion, Olson made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to go back into open session. Second by Worsing. Motion carried.

In open session, Worsing made a motion to raise Ortner's hourly rate to \$25.22 effective September 1, 2018, and to \$25.74, effective July 12, 2019. Second by Olson. Motion carried.

Worsing made a second motion: to revise the contract, eliminating old language that the town will pay the employee's share to the Wisconsin Retirement Fund, and replacing that language with "the employee shall pay his share." Second by Olson. Motion carried.

Worsing made a third motion: to allow Ortner to carry over 105 hours of accumulated vacation time into the new contract period, but that extra time must be used by the end of the contract (July 12, 2020) or be forfeited. In subsequent years, the employee will be allowed to carry over no more than 40 vacation hours from one contract year to the net. Motion seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by Worsing to adjourn. Second by Olson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Wiff, Clerk

**Martell Town Board
Agenda
September 11, 2018**

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Aug. 21 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Sign lease renewal with Friends of the Martell Schoolhouse Inc. for 1905 schoolhouse
- Preliminary budget discussion
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

Closed session

- Go into closed session to discuss employee's contract
 - The board may come back into open session to take action on matters discussed in closed session.
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- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

August 21, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were Board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Sitz gave the treasurer's report with disbursements of \$66,838.53 and receipts of \$52,562.66 for a balance of \$130,221.54.

Old business: Road work: Taplin said grading started on 690th Avenue, and the plan is to blacktop after Labor Day.

He reported that the county's brusher was used to clean up along roads, and said if there is money left when other work is done, the town may do a mile or so of sealcoating yet this year.

Olson said the town's shop truck is unstable if the sprayer tank in the back is fully loaded. He has talked to road patrolman Bob Ortner about putting air-lift bags in the back. Ortner estimated the cost at \$300 to \$400.

After conflicting reports of whether or not that procedure helps, Taplin suggested putting off further discussion until spring.

New business:

Propane bids: The town received three bids: one from Chippewa Valley Energy for \$1.18 a gallon, one from another vendor that was two cents a gallon higher, and one from a third vendor that was 12 cents a gallon higher. The bid from Chippewa Valley was accepted.

Asphalt bid: The town received only one bid for hot mix asphalt for 690th Avenue. That bid -- from Monarch Paving Company, Diamond Bluff -- was for \$53 a ton. Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to accept Monarch's bid. Motion carried.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to adopt Resolution 2018-2, urging the state to develop sustainable solution to fund roads. Motion carried.

Driveway permits: Taplin said he has received no requests this month.

Employee's report: Ortner said in July he worked 145 hours on road maintenance, 20 hours on road construction and five hours in the shop.

Judy Riggs, who has property at the corner of 780th Avenue and 535th Street, had asked the Board to consider installing a railing to prevent vehicles that miss the curve from damaging her fence. Taplin reported that it would cost about \$6,500 for material to build a guardrail. No action was taken.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to pay the July bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on Sept. 11. Motion carried.

Public discussion:

Tom Meyer, representing The Friends of the Martell Schoolhouse Inc., asked that the organization's lease with the town be renewed now.

In 2009 the Town Board signed a 10-year lease with the organization to preserve this town-owned building, which Meyer said is one of last one-room schoolhouses in its original location. Friends of the Schoolhouse agreed to pay a nominal amount for rent and to repair and maintain the building, allowing it to be used as a community center.

The original lease expires in July 2019, but Meyer asked that the lease be extended for an additional 10 years to allow the tenant to continue renovations. He said the next project is to replace the siding on the front of the building with either steel or manufactured wood siding that will match the original look but need less maintenance. Estimates for the work are about \$7,500. Meyer said the organization is in the process of raising money through donations.

Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to extend the lease to July 14, 2029. Motion carried.

Ray Belisle, speaking on behalf of Jason and Pam Belisle, asked the Board to consider rescinding and reimbursing a fine levied by All Croix Inspection, the town's building inspector.

In July 2017, the Belisles received a land use permit from Pierce County to erect a pole building for a shop. Ray Belisle said as construction continued, they decided to add a bathroom and got the proper authorization. Later they investigated requirements for using a 20 ft. by 30 ft. section in the back of the shed as an apartment for Ray Belisle. They quit construction for winter and started again in the spring. In April they paid \$2,371 for a permit through All Croix and were later told they had been assessed a penalty of \$1,203 because they had allegedly begun

construction on the apartment before getting the building permit for that part of the project.

Taplin said the fine would be legitimate if construction on the apartment had begun before the permit was issued.

Ray said that although the cement for the building was poured, exterior walls for the shop were erected and the tank installed in 2017, they did not start building the interior walls for the apartment until April 2018. He presented the board with a chronology of work done and permissions and permits obtained.

Worsing said it appears the family did what they should do. He made a motion to refund the \$1,203 penalty. The motion was seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

Worsing, who serves as the town's representative to the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service, said the organization (which serves the village of Ellsworth and the towns of Trimbelle, Hartland, El Paso, Martell, Salem and Trenton) is considering raising the levy it charges the municipalities from \$18 to \$30 per capita.

Worsing said some other town representatives feel this is too much of an increase and he agrees. He asked for guidance from the other Martell Town Board members, who agreed with him.

Taplin asked that closed session to discuss the road patrolman's contract be listed on the September agenda.

At 8:10 p.m. Olson made a motion to adjourn. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Judy Wiff, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
August 21, 2018

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from July 10 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work
- Shop truck spring upgrade

New Business:

- Propane bids
 - Asphalt bids
 - Resolution urging state to develop sustainable solution to fund roads
 - Discuss and approve driveway permits
 - Employees' reports
 - Approve payment of bills
 - Read correspondence
 - Set date for next meeting
 - Open for discussion
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- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

July 10, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2018 Board of Review. Motion carried. Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Sitz gave the treasurer's report with disbursements of \$17,480.28 and receipts of \$676.50, leaving a balance of \$144,267.41.

Old business: Road work: Taplin said he has gotten calls about the work scheduled for 690th Avenue. He said the cost sharing should come from the state soon, and hopefully the work will be done the second week of August. Road patrolman Bob Ortner said the town's new mower is working well. He may get the county's brusher to come in to do work on 650th Street.

New business: The board was asked to approve a driveway permit for Jim and Tracy Prissel at the corner of 590th Street and 810th Avenue. Taplin said he had no issues with the permit. Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to approve. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner said that during June he worked 96 hours on road maintenance and 10 hours on road construction.

Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to pay the June bills. Motion carried.

Because the fall Primary Election is Aug. 14, Worsing made a motion, which was seconded by Olson, to hold the next Board meeting on Aug. 21 (rather than Aug. 14). Motion carried.

Public discussion: Judy Riggs -- who has property at the corner of 780th Avenue and 535th Street -- said three vehicles have recently gone off the road and through her fence. She worried that if the fence is damaged, her mule and donkey might get

out and asked that the town erect some type of barricade. Taplin said he has looked at the site and would check on costs.

Closed session: Motion by Worsing and second by Olson to go into closed session to discuss a new two-year contract for Ortner. Motion carried. Present at the closed session were the board members, Ortner and the clerk.

Following discussion, motion by Worsing and second by Olson to return to open session. Motion carried.

In open session, Worsing made a motion to give Ortner a two-percent raise, effective July 12, 2018, and another two-percent raise, effective July 12, 2019 (That equates to an hourly rate of \$23.64 starting July 12, 2018, and \$24.12 starting July 12, 2019); continue the annual \$900 bonus on the anniversary date; continue to pay for a life insurance policy; change Ortner's winter work hours to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and otherwise keep the contract as is. Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to adjourn at 8 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted
Judy Wiff, clerk

**Martell Town Board
Agenda
July 10, 2018**

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employees' reports
- Approve payment of bills
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

Closed session

- Go into closed session to discuss employee's contract
 - The board may come back into open session to take action on subjects discussed in closed session.
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- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

June 12, 2018 meeting

The regular monthly meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson and treasurer Heather Sitz.

Sitz agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

Motion by Olson and second by Worsing to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Sitz gave the treasurer's report with \$21,771.39 for disbursements and receipts of \$15,471.75, leaving a balance of \$161,071.19.

Old business: Road work: Bob Ortner was on vacation at the time of the meeting so there was no road work report.

New business: Clerk Janice Swanson passed away June 6, 2018. There was a moment of silence in her memory.

Taplin asked if there was anyone present willing to be appointed to fill out Swanson's term, which ends in April 2019. Judy Wiff introduced herself and outlined her background. After discussion about the duties of clerk, Worsing made a motion seconded by Olson to appoint Wiff. Motion carried.

There was discussion of extending ATV and UTV driving hours. Request to extend was denied.

Discussion of gopher bounty to help prevent damage to road ditches. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to offer a bounty \$3 per gopher. The bounty will be limited to 500 gophers and six months. Bounty program is effective immediately. Motion carried.

Worsing reported on changes on salaries for ambulance staff, reporting that the increase will go into effect immediately.

Two driveway permits were approved.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve and pay the bills.

Employee's report for May 2018: 140 hours of road maintenance, 25 hours cutting trees and 15 hours shop work.

Taplin discussed a sewer variance for N7977 535th St. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Art Schaller asked for permission to close the recycling center for the Saturday of the Pierce County Fair. Board approved request.

Discussion of Ortner's new contract will be postponed until next meeting.

Discussion of status of town's computer and transfer of data to a new laptop.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted
Heather Sitz, treasurer