

## 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 31<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>REVENUES</b>			
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	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$540,242</b>	<b>\$517,308</b>	<b>-4%</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
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	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$540,242</b>	<b>\$ 517,308</b>	<b>-4%</b>
 Property taxes levied for Town	 \$349,830	 \$ 352,530	

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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 780<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 535<sup>th</sup> 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 690<sup>th</sup> 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 650<sup>th</sup> Street.

**New business:** The board was asked to approve a driveway permit for Jim and Tracy Prissel at the corner of 590<sup>th</sup> Street and 810<sup>th</sup> 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 780<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 535<sup>th</sup> 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 535<sup>th</sup> 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