

TOWN OF MARTELL
December 10, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Motions were made by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2019 meeting, November 12th Public Budget Hearing and November 12 Special Town Meeting. Motions carried.

The board accepted the treasurer's report with November disbursements of \$40,415.38 and receipts of \$19,657.56 for a month-end balance of \$21,633.08.

Road Work:

Road patrolman Bob Ortner is working on snow plowing. Worsing received a complaint about snow plowing but it concerned a road that River Falls is responsible for. Worsing will let the individual know that they need to contact the Town of River Falls. The snowplow truck is currently working well.

Driveway permits: A permit was requested by Keith Bateman for the relocation of an existing driveway. The new driveway will be about 100 feet from the old driveway. Keith Bateman submitted the \$25.00 permit fee. Mr. Bateman will be responsible for removing the old driveway. A motion was made by Worsing to approve Permit 2019-7. It was seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in November he spent 68 hours on road maintenance, 46 hours on shop work, 8 hours on road construction and 35 hours plowing and sanding.

Payment of bills: Motion made by Worsing. Seconded by Olson to pay the November bills. Motion carried.

Discuss and act on the extension of the Gopher Bounty:

Worsing motioned to extend the bounty. Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss and act on approval of poll workers and chief inspectors for the 2020-2021 term:

The motion was made to approve the poll workers listed on a schedule of elections/poll workers provided by the Clerk. Olson made a motion that Board approve the list of workers. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

Poll Workers and Chief inspectors for the 2020-2021 term will be Sheila Olson, Dale Olson, Dale Brathol, and John Worsing as Chief Inspectors and Bonnie Jalinski, Lori Close, Mary Hopp, Jodie Falde, Sandy Gerwien, Sandra Hudson, Audrey Kiefer, Robin Boles, Ruth Bamman, Al Cardwell, Jan McKeache Johnston, and Sonja Heiniger as poll workers.

Resolution regarding Pierce County All Hazards Mitigation Plan:

Worsing motioned to approve the plan. Olson seconded the motion. Motioned carried to approve Resolution 2019-2.

Ellsworth Ambulance Update:

Effective the first of January, Ellsworth will be on their own. Employees will get an insurance plan comparable to the county. However, this model is not sustainable. The County may have to step in and create a county wide ambulance service. There is a budget meeting tomorrow night to discuss options.

Read correspondence:

Town was notified by County Clerk that we will need new ballot machines by January 2023. Hopefully the County will order machines for all towns at the same time in order to reduce costs.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing. Seconded by Olson, to hold the next Board meeting on January 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Chairman Taplin mentioned a zoning issue in the Village of Martell. After further discussion, it is a county issue and no action needed on our part.

There was a Town Meeting in Plum City for towns in the local area. The WI Towns Assn attorney explained the law regarding residents who put snow on the road, i.e., plow their driveways and put the snow on the other side of the road. Snow on the road is considered a foreign substance. Patrolman Ortner reported that it is a real problem this year. We put information with the tax bills stating that residents are not to do this. We may need to request the sheriff issue citations. Another thought is to send warning letters. If it doesn't get better, Patrolman Ortner will send names and addresses to the Treasurer to send letters to violators.

It was also recommended at the meeting that we add Maintenance and Repairs as a regular agenda item. Now that Blaine Brothers is in the area and has a hydraulics division, we should consider replacing all the hydraulics on the plow truck next summer.

Worsing motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Olson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Martell Town Board will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Martell Town Hall. The agenda includes approve minutes from previous meeting to include the Public Budget hearing and the Special Town Meeting; approve treasurer's report; discuss road work; discuss and approve driveway permits; employee's report; approve payment of bills; Discuss and take action on the extension of Gopher Bounty; Discuss and take action on approval of poll workers and chief inspectors for the 2020-2021 term; resolution regarding Pierce County All Hazards Mitigation Plan; Ellsworth Ambulance Update; read correspondence; set date for next meeting and open for discussion.

TOWN OF MARTELL
November 12, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board member Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The board accepted the treasurer's report with October disbursements of \$24,591.54 and receipts of \$37,207.94 for a month-end balance of \$42,390.90.

Road Work:

Road patrolman Bob Ortner is working on smaller projects. The beaver problem is back. Taplin found someone interested in trapping the beavers. If this happens, the dam can be removed. Crushed rock was laid on 810th. Bob sanded corners during the last snowstorm.

Driveway permits: Taplin reported Verizon renewed their driveway permit. Because it was already approved, no additional approval is needed. A new dwelling will be added to 810th but no driveway permit is needed as there are houses there already.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in October he spent 120 hours on road maintenance, 8 hours on shop work, and 17 hours on road construction. He also had 40 hours of PTO.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to pay the October bills. Motion carried.

Discuss and approve increase to garbage bag prices:

Olson made a motion that as of January 1, 2020 the price will be \$3.00 per bag. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss and make recommendations on loose livestock issues:

Taplin provided the citation book to the Treasurer to give to the animal control officer. The animal control officer will be notified from this point forward as to loose livestock and respond. If the issue occurs on HWY 29, the County Sheriff

should issue a citation. This was the recent situation, i.e., the Sheriff called Board members but, state highway is the Sheriff's responsibility, not the board's.

The board has no plans to include cats as part of our jurisdiction.

Read correspondence: Rural Mutual is not paying our claims for signs as the costs of the signs and installation is less than the deductible. Clerk got the grant for election training and security.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson, second by Taplin to hold the next Board meeting on December 10, 2019. Motion carried.

Open discussion: Ditching completed by Wayne Kiefer. Olson made a motion, seconded by Taplin to approve payment. Motion carried. Brian Johnson needs reimbursement for 6 gophers.

The treasurer provided a copy of the information that will go on the tax bill for review. Information will be added stating that residents can't push snow across the road, and will be ticketed for it. Pierce County Public Health wants information stating that if a resident rents by the day i.e. Airbnb, they will need a permit. This information will be added as well.

The patrolman's phone contract is up with Sprint. He would like to contract with AT&T as with the new cell tower, it is providing better reception. AT&T will be \$50 per month which will be less expensive than Sprint. The patrolman already has a phone he could use and turn the Sprint phone in. There may also be a special with AT&T to get a phone for \$5. Olson made motion that the patrolman should move to AT&T and use his phone or the \$5 one. Motion was seconded and carried.

Resident paid tree service to take down 7 or 8 trees on the right of way on 540th and Bob hauled the trees to a disposal site elsewhere on the resident's land. Board will not charge resident for Bob's service seeing that the resident paid to remove the trees from the right of way.

Tim Wiff asked about the land line in town hall. The phone in the garage rings to the same number. The phones will be retained.

The resolution regarding the County Hazard Mitigation plan and continuation of the gopher bounty will be on next month's agenda.

Olson motioned to adjourn. Taplin seconded it.

Public Budget Hearing

At 7:40 p.m. Chairman Taplin called the Public Budget Hearing to order.

The clerk indicated the meeting was properly posted and published.

Four electors in attendance. Questions were asked as to how much road work the town will be able to accomplish. Taplin stated that more road maintenance is expected in 2020 as in 2019, culvert work, gravel and truck repairs took up a lot of the funds limiting the amount available for road work. Olson mentioned that if spring 2020 is anything like spring 2019, the need for gravel will again be a major hit to the budget.

Olson motion to close budget hearing. Taplin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Special town meeting

At 7:45 p.m. Chairman Taplin called to order the special town meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2019 levy and 2020 highway expenditures.

Tim Wiff made a motion and Sheila Olson seconded it to approve the 2019 levy and highway expenditure for \$373,127. Motion carried. 8-0.

Mark Faymoville made a motion to adjourn. Tim Wiff seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 8-0. Meeting Adjourned.

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TOWN OF MARTELL
October 8, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board approved the treasurer's report with September disbursements of \$38,992.12, receipts of \$867.50 and a month-end balance of \$29,866.85. On October 4, 2019 the town received General Transportation Aids of \$32,376.93. As a result, the current balance is \$63,118.

Road work: Bob, Scotts and the County have been doing blade patching. We will have further bills from Scotts and the County for these services. 530th has been covered well. Roads overall are in pretty good shape. Ortner is pretty well caught up. He has been mowing and doing tree work. Ortner will spend the rest of the year concentrating on maintenance. Worsing will order a culvert for Jerome Hall from the County and Mr. Hall will reimburse the town for the purchase.

Driveway permits: None this month. One is expected next month for a cell tower.

Employee's report: Ortner is on vacation. Taplin believes Ortner mailed the WISLR information.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson. Seconded by Worsing to pay the September bills. Motion carried.

Read Correspondence: The Emergency Management book received by the Clerk will be kept at the townhall.

Date for next meeting: Olson made a motion that was seconded by Worsing, to hold the next meeting November 12, 2019 at 7 pm. The budget hearing will be the same day immediately following. Motion carried. Worsing will be out of town for training and not at the November meeting.

Open Discussion: Olson stated that Sheila Peterson bought some land on 636th Court. Olson informed her that she needed to work with the county on permitting issues. She also called Taplin. Taplin said she will need Land Use Board approval.

We will have a slight increase in funding due to an error in Ellsworth fire number reporting.

Worsing reported that there is still an issue with trying to get ambulance service through Ellsworth. Costs will most likely double for ambulance service.

Board 2020 Budget Workshop: Budget was formulated for the November meeting.

At 8:29 p.m. Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

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TOWN OF MARTELL
September 10, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board member Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board approved the treasurer's report with August disbursements of \$97,406.78, receipts of \$124,416.31 and a month-end balance of \$66,841.15. The August tax settlement received was \$123,024.12.

Road work: Scotts will probably start paver patching next week or the week after. There are major problems with the township truck. Repairs will cost approximately \$18,000. The alternative is a new motor for around \$21,000. There is a twenty-four-month warranty on the new engine. Olson made motion to put in the new motor and Taplin seconded. Motion carried.

Driveway permits: The board received one new request for an agricultural driveway permit, Permit No. 2019-6. Troy Bergman has requested it for 690th Street, 1.5 miles north of County Road J. Olson made a motion, Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in August he performed 10 hours of road construction, 118 hours of road maintenance and 10 hours of shop work. Bob has also been spraying. He took down the tree that was causing concerns on 780th. He also trimmed all the branches that were hanging over the roads. Bob has received the WISLR Local Road Certification Packet and is responsible for completing the response by October 11, 2019.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson. Seconded by Taplin to pay the August bills. Motion carried.

Bridge Aid Application: One of the culverts that was recently installed was eligible for cost sharing with the county. Chairman Taplin is estimating that the County will return the town \$6,000 of the amount we spent. Olson made a motion to submit the Bridge Aid Application to the county. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer: The treasurer confirmed that a letter was sent to the owner of the barking dogs in Martell that the Board has received numerous complaints from neighbors regarding these dogs. Taplin asked the prospective animal control officer how he would handle a situation where dogs are bothering neighbors on both sides of the owner. The animal control officer stated he could write a citation if the town has an ordinance and a municipal court that will hear the citation. Martell has an ordinance and the county has a municipal court which means an animal control officer can write a citation.

The prospective animal control officer would also appear in court for the town. He advises the town to get documentation that the neighbors have contacted the dog owner regarding the barking issue. The neighbors have also expressed concern that the problem dogs may be abused. The neighbors state that the dogs go out and bark at 4 am, are called back into the house awhile after and then go out again at 5 am to bark more. Then dogs stay inside all day. Then the dogs go out again in the evening. If the owner does not pay the citation/court costs, the costs can be added to the owner's property taxes if they don't pay. Concerns have also been expressed that the dog owners are being vindictive towards the neighbors for complaining and at one point put their garbage as close to the property line as they could and burned it for the neighbors. Solid Waste had to talk to them about the garbage issue.

Olson made a motion. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried. The town now has an animal control officer by the name of Darel Hall. Mr. Hall advised the clerk to send a letter to the state Department of Agriculture advising them that the town has hired Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall also posts information regarding lost dogs on his Facebook page and the website Lost Dogs of WI. He tries to respond as soon as possible when he gets a call. The treasurer will get the animal control officer a citation book and send it to him. The treasurer will also email a list of all the licensed dogs in Martell to Mr. Hall.

Preliminary Budget Discussion: The clerk will have budget worksheets for board members at the next meeting.

Read Correspondence: Brad has been getting calls from one of the people that has filed for a sanitary permit. He is hopeful that they have figured out things out.

Date for next meeting: Olson made a motion that was seconded by Taplin, to hold the next meeting October 8, 2019 at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: No issues were discussed.

At 8:05 p.m. Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Taplin. Motion carried.

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Martell Town Board will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at the Martell Town Hall. The agenda includes: approve minutes from previous meeting, treasurer's report, discuss road work, discuss and approve driveway permits, employee's report, approve payment of bills, approve bridge aid application, discuss and make recommendation on animal control officer, preliminary budget discussions, read correspondence, set date for next meeting, open discussion and adjourn.

TOWN OF MARTELL
August 13, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with July disbursements of \$40,410.67, receipts of \$50,791.88 and a month-end balance of \$40,981.94. Chairman will check on the cost sharing for the culverts as Martell paid the county for them as part of the July bills.

Road work: The installation of culverts went well. Unfortunately the beavers that were removed on 780th came back and started rebuilding their dam but may have moved on. Board member(s) will check that location and destroy the dam that the beavers started to rebuild. Bob is working on smoothing out the grade differences between driveways and roads. The Board agreed that Bob could hire Tim Wiff to help with this project as Tim's skid steer will work better for this than the equipment Bob has available. Bob has put recycled asphalt on 870th seeing there is not enough in the budget to resurface the road as needed.

Bob discussed the weed control conference he attended. It was pointed out at the conference that the county and state need to get on board with better policies. Wild parsnips are the biggest problem in Martell. We need to mow parsnips earlier but state statutes say we can only make one pass before August 15th. We can't mow after the parsnip dies as that really spreads the seeds. A company was at the conference that stated their product will work better than what Bob is using now. Bob will do further research on this.

Scotts will probably start paver patching after Labor Day. Bob has filled the holes the best he could until the paver patching gets done. Our budget from the state is supposed to increase next year but by how much is not totally clear as there seems to be some conflicting information. Bob needs to cut tree limbs on 510th. Tim Wiff can help with this. Limbs have grown 6 feet this year and the limbs interfere with mowing.

Driveway permits: None

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in July he performed 10 hours of road construction, 99 hours of road maintenance and 10 hours of shop work.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing. Seconded by Olson to pay the July bills. Motion carried.

Discuss and make recommendation on Animal Control Officer: Worsing has been discussing and working on the contract with the potential Animal Control Officer. The contract wording has been changed regarding insurance and is now satisfactory. The contract was also updated to state that Board Members are the only people that can contact the officer regarding an animal issue. The potential Animal Control Officer couldn't make this meeting. The Board Chairman would like to discuss the contract with the Animal Control officer at a meeting so this will still be on the agenda next month.

Discussion and recommendation on LP Bids: Only received a bid from Chippewa Valley Energy, our current supplier. Olson made a motion to contract for the booked program again for 2,000 gallons. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Update on Ellsworth Ambulance Management Contract: A proposal is being worked on to ensure that the service can continue to operate. Regardless of the option the ambulance service chooses, Martell will not get services for \$1,000 a month in the future. Currently we pay \$18 per capita. The increase in price is estimated between \$10 to \$15 per capita increase which would basically double the price to somewhere around \$35 per capita. State law says the township can't pass on increases in ambulance or fire costs to the residents so the roads will see the effects of these cost increases. Most ambulance runs are for people on Medicare or Medicaid which further decreases the amount of money the ambulance service can recover. The service needs to decide on how to move forward by the first of November as their current contract with Westfield ends on December 1.

Read Correspondence: The county is increasing the costs of drug testing for \$10 to \$25. We have agreed to pay. The Chairman signed the paperwork with Chippewa Valley Energy that states Bob is aware of the issues involved with propane.

Date for next meeting: Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to hold the next meeting September 10, 2019 at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: A Martell resident came to the meeting to hear about the animal control officer issue. His neighbors have two really loud dogs that bark all the time. The treasurer believes she sent a letter to these dog owners last year. John Worsing believes that he also visited the people with the barking dogs last year to inform them that the dogs were too loud. Heather will send Ronald Tomczak another letter informing him of the cost for nuisance dogs. Heather will include language directly from the Ordinance. The Clerk may go to training regarding budgeting and elections. The Treasurer will investigate getting a new computer.

At 8:15 p.m. Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Worsing. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Martell Town Board will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at the Martell Town Hall. The agenda includes: approve minutes from previous meeting, treasurer's report, discuss road work, discuss and approve driveway permits, employee's report, approve payment of bills, discuss and make recommendation on Animal Control Officer, discuss and make recommendation on LP Bids, update on Ellsworth Ambulance Management Contract, read correspondence, set date for next meeting, open discussion and adjourn.

TOWN OF MARTELL

July 9, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to approve the Board of Review minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with June disbursements of \$23,792.54, receipts of \$1,677.23 and a month-end balance of \$30,600.73.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Board will sign contract with Scotts will do paver patching on 730th. The installation of culverts will start next week. One resident on 650th came to the meeting to ask if he can do his own mowing to help cut down on the spread of invasive plants. The board indicated that if he does his own mowing and Bob can see that it has been mowed, he will not mow it. Bob is working at patching. 770th is done. Bob will go to the invasive plant training in Bloomer. He is also working on dust control, knows about the soft spot on 720th and will finish mowing this week. He will also work on replacing signs. Bob will be on vacation at end of the month (the 20th through the 30th).

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: Olson motioned and Worsing seconded the motion to issue Driveway Permit No. 2019-2 to Nick Winger. Motion carried. Worsing motioned and Olson seconded the motion to issue an agriculture only driveway permit no. 2019-3 to Cory Brevning. Motion Carried. Worsing motioned and Olson seconded to issue Driveway Permit No. 2019-5 to Andrew Turk. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in June he performed 54 hours of road construction and 110 hours of road maintenance. The truck is in for repairs due to a rear brake issue.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to pay the June bills. Motion carried.

Discuss and make recommendation on Animal Control Officer: Worsing handed out draft of contract with proposed issues highlighted as per attorney. Worsing will contact the potential Animal Control Officer about the insurance issue, that Martell would prefer that he only respond to calls from county dispatch or a board member before taking action and question what he does with Animal Complaint Verification Forms. This item will be on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Discussion and recommendation on LP Bids: No bids have been received yet. Will discuss further at the August meeting.

Regions EMS Management Agreement: Regions is going to discontinue managing the Ellsworth ambulance service at the end of the year. Ellsworth is the only ambulance service in WI being managed by Regions. Ellsworth needs to decide if they can manage both the office and the paramedic work. At this point, this change means the board will probably not have cost information for the upcoming budget work. By way of background, Hudson is no longer going to have ambulance service. They will be contracting with Lakeview, MN that is managed by Regions. Lakeview will build a new ambulance building in Hudson. Lakeview has become a major ambulance provider for cities on the west side of the St. Croix to include Stillwater. It appears that a trend for consolidated entities is occurring to help control costs. Last time the board opened up the service for bid, three bids were received. Worsing will continue to monitor.

Read Correspondence: The clerk will look into attending the Local Government Records Management Workshop in La Crosse. The clerk reported that the IRS claimed that the town erred in its 2018 4th quarter filing. The clerk responded to the IRS and is waiting for response. The new tractor has been added to insurance policy and old one removed. Brad did contact the Sheriff and Nancy Hove asked who should be called if there is a road emergency. Bob should be the first contact, followed by Brad, then Worsing and lastly Dale. The town will continue to contract with the county to issue the property tax bills and collections. Worsing will pick up the new county manuals and bring them to the next meeting thereby avoiding the mailing charge.

Date for next meeting: Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to hold the next meeting August 13, 2019 at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: Resident questioned whether a gravel road is public or not. The board said yes. A dumpster was blocking the road and he couldn't get to his field. Bob will contact the resident owning the dumpster to tell them they can't block the public road.

At 7:59 p.m. Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Worsing. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Martell Town Board will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the Martell Town Hall. The agenda includes approve minutes from previous meeting as well as the Board of Review meeting; treasurer's report; old business: discuss road work; new business: discuss and approve driveway permits, employee's report, approve payment of bills, discuss and make recommendation on Animal Control Officer, Discuss and make recommendation on LP Bids, Regions EMS Management Agreement, read correspondence, set date for next meeting, open for discussion and adjourn.

TOWN OF MARTELL
Board of Review
June 12, 2019

Called to order at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, assessor Mark Garlick, alternate board of review members Tim Wiff and Sheila Olson and clerk Sara Cardwell.

There were no appearances and no business was discussed.

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

TOWN OF MARTELL

June 11, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. Board of Review minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting were also approved.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with May disbursements of \$78,445.52 and receipts of \$2,989.57 or a month-end balance of \$53,331.71. Check was just received from the Tile Shop for back taxes.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Scotts wants to know if we want to crack fill. They will be in the area next week. Will hold off for now on crack fill. Need to replace the culverts first. All the culverts came in last week. Bob is hauling rock. Need to get the rock on before doing any dust control. Reclaimer working well.

New tires and air bags on the pick-up truck working well.

Issues with the overhead door at the old shop.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: Next month's meeting will have one.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in May he performed 63 hours of road construction, 77 hours of road maintenance and 30 hours of shop work.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to pay the May bills. Motion carried.

Discuss and make recommendation on updating Mileage Rate: Worsing motioned to update the rate to the 2019 rate of 58 cents per mile. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and recommendation on conditional use permit for Janna Cowen:

She is close to the highway. House was there before the highway was built. Adding onto the side facing east and will not impact the side of the house facing the highway. Worsing recommended signing off on the variance. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Correspondence: US Census is inviting the town to participate in their new construction program. The town will not participate. County asked if town wanted to participate in the county recreational area plan. Town will not participate. Town was notified that the PACER Rating Report is due in December. Bob will do the PACER Rating Report.

Date for next meeting: Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to hold the next meeting July 9, 2019 at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

Brad missed meeting with Nancy Hove on the emergency snow plowing issue.

Put animal control officer issue on agenda for next month. Attorney has finished review of animal control officer contract. He has recommendations for wording changes. The board also needs to review the animal ordinance and need to make sure it is in line with the animal control officer duties if we were to engage him to work for the township. Heather will bring copies of the current animal ordinance to the next meeting.

Also put LP Bids on the agenda.

The cow issue has been discussed with the Bennetts.

One resident came to the board of review and mentioned they would like their street sign put back. Bob indicated the sign was stolen. Signs are covered by insurance. Bob will request the insurance company pay for the replacement sign. The Clerk will notify the insurance company regarding the new tractor.

At 7:55 p.m. Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Worsing. Motion carried.

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TOWN OF MARTELL

May 14, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz, and clerk Sara Cardwell.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting and May 2, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with April disbursements of \$32,355.47 and receipts of \$45,724.83 or a month-end balance of \$128,171.99.

Treasurer Sitz reported that the Tile Shop has not paid property taxes or for salt and sand. They have not responded to her requests for payment. Bob Ortner stated he will stop by in person to see if he can find out more as to why they haven't paid these bills.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Road tour for board was on Saturday the 27th of April. Things are not looking good. Two more culverts needed. Blade patching needed on 650th and other roads. Rock will be put in on 620th. Road has been shut down. Resident that lives on 620th asked questions about need for guard rail and work done to date. Resident was concerned that work has not been started. Bob Ortner stated that work is in progress and residents should see a big improvement on 620th when finished. The worst spots will be fixed first. Unfortunately log trucks have been on 620th and moved the barricade to get through. Mr. Ortner talked to them and told them that was not appropriate.

Board Chairman expressed concern that this is the worst year he has seen for road conditions. Board Chairman cut down a tree that was blocking 690th. The tree took out the power line on its way down. Pierce Pepin was called to restore power.

Pavement patching bids have been received for roads. A motion was made by Worsing to approve the patching for 730th and 490th at cost of \$10,000. It was seconded by Olson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: A permit was granted to Brian Bergerson (Permit No. 2018-6). Things have changed and he no longer needs the driveway. Worsing moved to refund the \$25 fee provided for Permit No. 2018-6. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in April he performed 20 hours of plowing, 40 hours of road maintenance, 58 hours of road construction and 55 hours of shop work. Pick-up needs new tires and other maintenance. Worsing made motion to approve new tires and other maintenance for the pick-up. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Bob stated he will use 2 to 1.5 inch rock for the base on roads and top it with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. This will allow for all the rock to be obtained from El Paso.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to pay the April bills. Motion carried.

Meet with Darel Hall, potential animal control officer for Town: Wisconsin certified. Has contracts with a number of towns. His service would include answering all calls, 24-7. He charges on a per call basis (\$20 per hour plus mileage). He lives 35 minutes away in Polk County. The towns split the costs of his liability insurance which is approximately \$41 per year for each town. Costs are billed back to the owner so Martell incurs no costs for calls. All towns he works with have a contract for his services. He provided a copy of the Baldwin contract for Board review. Has been doing this for 5 years. For St. Croix County, Facebook has proved to be a good resource to reunite animals with owners. He has 3 kennels at his house to hold animals until owners found. He submits a report every month and the dog owner(s) would be billed from that report. Deals with other animals as well. Provided example of where owner not feeding goats and sheep. He was ready to provide feed. He takes care of any litigation. Most towns put his name on their website. He doesn't respond to wild goose chases, i.e., 3 dogs just ran through my back yard. Need to have animals in hand before he will respond. Brad likes the idea of having his services although the township has only had one call recently. Board will take this under advisement and have Bob Loberg review contract.

Discuss holding tank agreement with Jane Schwalbe: Jane was told by County that the board has to sign it. Location is across from the school in Martell. One

person, Jane will live at the residence. Olson motioned to approve. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried. Chairman Brad Taplin signed the agreement. Jane pays the county for the permit.

Sign ordinance appointing alternate members Board of Review (Board of Review Ordinance 2019-01): Signed by Chairman Brad Taplin.

Accept lawn mowing bid from Outdoor Lawn Management: \$130 per time. Worsing made a motion. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Discussion and recommendation on conditional use permit for Matt Matzek for garage addition: Will be 2 stories. Need approval from the board first and then land management. Requirement is a 100 foot setback. Variance will allow for a 90 foot setback. The current garage is at a 90 foot setback and if he were not going to add a second story, he would not need a variance. Worsing recommended approval of the variance. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Sheriff wants to meet with each township about plowing for emergencies.

Chairman Brad Taplin will go to meeting.

The board received the annual audit paperwork for workers compensation insurance. It was provided to the clerk to respond.

Date for next meeting: Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to hold the next meeting June 11, 2019 at 7 pm. Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

Heather to send Herbie Bennett a note about keeping cows in their pasture and off Hwy 29.

Service is complete on the voting machine. The clerk will pick it up at the county courthouse in Ellsworth.

Recycling center need bags soon. The Clerk will call recycling center in Ellsworth and order more bags. Dale will cover for Randy at the recycling center as he is having some health issues. Clerk was reminded to treat Dale Olson's work at the recycling center different from his supervisor pay.

At 8:00 p.m. Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Worsing. Motion carried.

Board of Review: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to adjourn and set Board of Review for Open Book 1-3 p.m. June 5 and the Board of Review 6-8 p.m. June 12.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

TOWN OF MARTELL

The next regular monthly meeting of the Martell Town Board will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at the Martell Town Hall. The agenda includes approve minutes from previous meeting; treasurer's report; old business: discuss road work; new business: discuss and approve driveway permits, employee's report, approve payment of bills, adjourn Board of Review to June 12, meet with Darel Hall (potential animal control officer), discuss holding tank agreement with Jane Schwalbe, sign ordinance appointing alternate members Board of Review, accept lawn mowing bid from Outdoor Lawn Management, discussion and recommendation on conditional use permit for Matt Matzek for garage addition, read correspondence, set date for next meeting, open for discussion and adjourn.

TOWN OF MARTELL
May 2, 2019 Special Meeting

The special Town Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were supervisors John Worsing and Dale Olson.

The special meeting was noticed in three locations and on the County Website.

Board members acknowledged the resignation letter from Kate Wolf, who was elected April 2, 2019, took office April 17, 2019 and resigned April 30, 2019.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to appoint Sara Cardwell as the new town clerk to fill out the present term, which ends April 20, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to purchase aluminized culvert pipes and galvanized end walls. It was seconded by D. Olson.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brad Taplin, Chairman

TOWN OF MARTELL
Annual Meeting April 16, 2019

The Annual meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019 by Town Chairman Brad Taplin.

Motion by Sheila Olson, second by Lori Close, to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting held April 17, 2018. Vote was 10-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Lori Close, second by Sheila Olson, to approve the 2018 financial report. Vote was 10-0. Motion carried.

Taplin gave the report for the road work done in 2018. He said the Town finished the remainder of 690th Avenue and installed a 24-inch culvert on 620th Street and the town patrolman spread 25 loads of blade patch. Also the Town bought a new mower and, along with the towns of Gilman and El Paso, purchased a patching machine, splitting the cost three ways.

Planned 2019 road projects: Taplin said the amount of planned work the Town can do in 2019 depends upon how much repair work is needed following winter/spring water damage.

The work that was first planned was: sealcoat one mile on 530th Street, sealcoat one mile on 780th Avenue, sealcoat 1.75 mile on 690th Street, overlay on 810th Avenue, and a culvert on 770th Avenue. The culvert would be a cost-share project with the county.

Taplin also said he expects more brush cutting will be needed and reported that the Town is buying a new tractor loader and gravel bucket, which will be coming soon.

Supervisor Dale Olson said the town patrolman built a shoulder-gravel reclaimer that is working well.

Motion by Kate Wolf, second by Warren Schade, to set April 21, 2020 as the date for the next annual meeting. Vote was 10-0. Motion carried.

Other business to properly come before the annual meeting: There were no complaints. Olson said Martell needs to buy a new water heater for Town Hall because the old one is leaking. He said he will follow up on that.

At 7:15, Roger Wiff moved, seconded by Sheila Olson, to adjourn the meeting. Vote was 10-0. Motion carried.

Submitted by Judy Wiff, Clerk

TOWN OF MARTELL

April 9, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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 March 12, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with March disbursements of \$40,562.85 and receipts of \$1,157.50 for a month-end balance of \$114,802.63.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Taplin reported that the road collapsed over a culvert on 620th. He said the damage will be repaired as soon as the weather permits, but the washout has been filled. Water is still going through the culvert.

Taplin received estimates for road work planned for 2019, but the estimates haven't been reviewed yet.

Taplin said that, because of unexpectedly high expenses, the Town may have to finance part of the new tractor it has ordered rather than paying full price.

Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to hold the Town Board's annual road tour at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 27. Board members and road patrolman Bob Ortner will meet at Taplin's house to start the tour. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: The Board received an application for a driveway permit on 870th Avenue from O'Connell Farms. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve Permit 2019-01. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in March he spent 74 hours plowing and sanding, 35 hours on other road work, eight hours on road construction and 56 hours on shop work.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to pay the March bills. Motion carried.

Insurance Review: The Board met with Rural Insurance agent Thomas Jenkins to review coverage and coverage limits. Rural provides the Town's businessowner,

vehicle, building, liability, cyber coverage, workers compensation and computer insurance. Jenkins said he will work on different deductible scenarios and noted the Town has collapse coverage on all its buildings.

Investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wines sales: Attorney Bob Loberg advised that, if the Town adopts an alcohol beverage ordinance, it can issue only one Class B liquor license.

Taplin noted that wedding venues don't need a license if they serve but don't sell liquor. He said he doesn't see any point in adopting the ordinance at this point.

Loberg had advised that state statutes give the Town Board the right to adopt a liquor license ordinance. If a citizen opposed the ordinance, it would be up to them to find what is apparently a long-lost ordinance making Martell a "dry" township.

In that event, said Worsing, the Town could rescind the ordinance. The person who opposed the new ordinance could ask for a special Town meeting or that the ordinance be put to a referendum.

Conditional Use Permit for slaughterhouse: At the last meeting Dao Yang and Troy Olson asked the Town Board to endorse their application for a Conditional Use Permit. The Board had agreed to place the item on the April agenda, but the request was withdrawn March 27.

Board of Review: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to schedule the Open Book 1-3 p.m. June 5 and the Board of Review 6-8 p.m. June 12.

Ellsworth Area Ambulance board: Taplin and Worsing reported that the chairman of the ambulance board called Taplin, asking that Worsing be removed as Martell's representative on the board and claiming that enough members of the board would vote to remove him.

Worsing said the chairman of the ambulance board has not appreciated being challenged on budget and spending, which Worsing said he has done.

Worsing said he did send a letter of resignation but has since changed his mind. He said he has at no time been disruptive at ambulance board meetings, but he has raised questions about the service's budget and has questioned the way the business is run.

Worsing said that after he sent the resignation, he received calls from other members of the ambulance board asking him why he was resigning and indicating they would not vote to remove him.

Worsing said he doesn't want to do anything to embarrass Martell, but ambulance board members don't have the authority to remove him. The town's representative on the ambulance board must be a Town Board member.

Worsing volunteered to continue on the ambulance board for the next couple of meetings but said he would leave if meetings became too contentious.

Taplin re-appointed Worsing to the ambulance board for the time being.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter and annual dues bill from the Wisconsin Towns Association. Motion by Olson, second by Worsing, to renew Martell's membership. Motion carried.

The Town was notified of the Pierce County Highway Department's annual MSHA safety refresher training to be held Friday, April 26. The clerk was directed to sign Ortner up for the training.

Date for next meeting: Olson made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to hold the next meeting May 14, 2019. Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

Worsing thanked Judy Wiff for the job she has done filling as town clerk for the last year.

Warren Schade praised Ortner for his work in keeping road cleared this winter. Schade also said his road (530th Street) needs to be resurfaced.

At 8:33 p.m. Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
April 9, 2019

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from March 12, 2019 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Meet with Rural Insurance agent to review coverage
- Discussion of ongoing investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wine sales in town
- Discuss application from Dao Yang and Troy Olson for slaughterhouse (This request was withdrawn March 27.)
- Discuss date for Board of Review (Mark Garlick says 1-3 p.m. June 5 for Open Book and 6-8 p.m. June 12 for Board of Review.)
- Appointment new representative to Ellsworth Area Ambulance Board
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

March 12, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to approve the minutes from the Feb. 13, 2019 meeting with two revisions. Motion carried.

The Board accepted the treasurer's report with February disbursements of \$879,955.22 and receipts \$415,596.96 for a month-end balance of \$154,207.98.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Taplin reported he has gotten estimates from the Pierce County Highway Department for 2019 work. The estimates are: sealcoat 530th Street, one mile, \$16,200; sealcoat 780th Avenue, one mile, \$16,200; seal coat 690th Street, 1.75 mile, \$28,275; overlay 810th Avenue, \$55,000; 770th Avenue culvert, total cost \$33,080 with the town and county splitting the cost and each paying \$16,540. Taplin said the county could do this work for town. Total cost estimates for the Town's share of this work would be \$132,215.

Taplin noted there will be a need for a lot of road patching this year. He told road patrolman Bob Ortner to let him know if the roads have to be posted before the April Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: Taplin said there were none.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in February he spent 224 plowing and sanding and 22 hours on shop work

Ortner said people who plow their driveway snow across roads create problems for road maintenance when the snow piles freeze. He said hitting a frozen pile of snow pushes the grader across the road.

Taplin asked the treasurer to include a notice that it's illegal to push snow onto the road when she sends out property tax bills later this year. He also asked that that information be posted on the Town's web page.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson , to pay the February bills. Motion carried.

Report on investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wines sales in town: Taplin said he is still waiting to hear back from the Town's attorney. He directed that the lawyer be told to go ahead and prepare an ordinance that would allow the Town to issue liquor licenses.

Correspondence: No action was taken on correspondence.

Date for next meeting: Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to hold the next meeting April 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: Conditional Use Permit – Dao Yang and Troy Olson asked the Town Board to endorse their plans to establish a slaughterhouse. The business would be on a 15-acres site across Hwy. 63 from the Red Barn. Olson said they are proposing a USDA-inspected facility for farmers who want to sell their poultry, sheep and pork commercially. The applicants said they need the Town Board's blessing before they can continue with the process of applying to Pierce County for a Conditional Use Permit.

Yang and Olson said they plan to build a 3,000 to 5,000 sq. ft. pole building, process 500 to 600 chickens per day and send a lot of the meat to St. Paul. Yang said they expect much of the product to be sold to the Hmong or Asian community.

Town Board members said they need a legal description for the property and a plot map before they can take any decision. The Yang-Olson request will be added to the agenda for the April 9 meeting.

At 7:50 p.m. Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
March 12, 2019

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Feb. 13, 2019 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discussion of ongoing investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wine sales in town
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

Feb. 13, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. (The meeting had been postponed for a day because of weather conditions.) Also present were board member John Worsing and clerk Judy Wiff.

Motion by Worsing, second by Taplin, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Worsing, second by Taplin, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019, Town Caucus. Motion carried.

The board accepted the treasurer's report with January disbursements of \$293,653.73 and receipts of \$862,456 for a month-end balance of \$618,566.24.

OLD BUSINESS

Road work: Taplin said road projects considered for 2019 include cold patch on 810th; sealcoat on 530th and 780th and possibly sealcoating on 690th. Taplin asked road patrolman Bob Ortner to get estimates on four miles of sealcoating and the cold patch for 810th. Taplin said he will see if he can get a new price for a culvert on 770th.

Ortner asked about repairs to the bridge on 620th. Taplin said he will have someone take a look at drainage there.

Worsing thanked Ortner for the good work he has been doing on keeping roads cleared during several weeks of particularly hard winter.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: Taplin said there were none.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in January he spent 74 hours plowing and sanding, 52 hours doing shop work and 20 hours cutting trees.

Ortner asked for a new welder since his old one burned. Worsing made a motion, seconded by Taplin to buy a welder with torch kit, and cart from Mississippi Welders Supply Company for \$2,597. Motion carried.

Ortner asked board members what they think of getting a snowblower for the tractor. Taplin said snowblowers can work ok, but they can be a problem too and mentioned having one machine blowing snow into an area he had just plowed. Worsing said the snowblower wouldn't be used much because there is only a

limited time during which it would be needed. Taplin suggested putting off the discussion.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing, second by Taplin, to pay the January bills. Motion carried.

Report on investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wines sales in town: Taplin said he hasn't had time in the last month to look into this. He said he will talk to attorney Bob Loberg.

Correspondence: Board members declined to pay for membership for the 2019 Town Advocacy Council of the Wisconsin Towns Association or to pay for a listing in the International League of Cities directory. Taplin signed the federal certificate, sent by Countryside Cooperative, to exempt the town from tax on fuel and gasoline. Taplin also signed the contract for to purchase stockpile gravel from Kraemer Company.

Date for next meeting: Taplin made a motion, seconded by Worsing, to hold the next meeting March 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: Two write-in candidates for town clerk introduced themselves.

Kate Wolfe said she has been living in the town for 10 to 12 years and wants to get more involved in the community.

Sara Cardwell said she has an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and a masters from the University of Portland. Her family lived here from 2007 to 2013, then moved to North Dakota after her job with Xcel Energy was eliminated during reorganization. Her family did not sell their house in Martell but had a house sitter while they were gone and moved back June 2018. She said she was employed most of her career by utilities, working in utility regulation on rate design and cost of service issues. Most recently she worked in North Dakota siting wind farms and pipelines. She said she is now working at Menards but hopes to retire soon and it would be nice to have part-time job.

At 7:35 p.m. Worsing made a motion, seconded by Taplin, to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

**Martell Town Board
Agenda
February 12, 2019**

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Jan. 8, 2018 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Discuss road work

New Business:

- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Employee's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discussion of ongoing investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wine sales in town
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL
Jan. 8, 2019 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2019 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Also present were board members John Worsing and Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Judy Wiff.

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

The board accepted the treasurer's report with December disbursements of \$47,688.16 and receipts of \$25,063.58 for a month-end balance of \$49,763.97.

OLD BUSINESS

Road patrolman Bob Ortner reported that it has been a quiet month except for salting of roads.

NEW BUSINESS

Driveway permits: Taplin presented one driveway permit: a request from Brian Borgerson, N8346 710th St., River Falls. The permit is for an agricultural driveway on 690th Street. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to issue the permit. Motion carried.

Employee's report: Ortner reported that in December he spent 60 hours on plowing and sanding, 88 hours on shop work and 8 hours on tree cutting.

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to pay the December bills. Motion carried.

Request to buy new tractor: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to buy a John Deere 6110M cab tractor and with a 620R standard farm loader from Tractor Central, Durand. The price will be \$105,220.71 minus trade allowance for the 2000 John Deere 6319, for a balance owed of \$76,445.71. Motion carried. The town will pay for the tractor when it is delivered in the spring.

Report on investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wines sales in town: Olson said he could find no record of any ordinance making Martell a "dry" town. He said if the Town took action to allow sales of liquor, the Town would take applications. He said the Board must work with an attorney to assure the Town's

quota of liquor licenses is appropriate for its population. Olson said he sees no problem with issuing liquor licenses.

Taplin said he asked to have the issue investigated because there are two wedding venues in Martell, and their owners say the state is trying to make it a requirement that they have a liquor license to continue their businesses.

Olson said the Town can work with the Wisconsin Towns Association, and he will continue to look into issue and contact the Towns Association and the local historical society.

Taplin suggested calling attorney Robert Loberg for pointers and advice.

Building Inspector Contract: The Board was presented with the 2019 Agreement for Building Inspection Services with All Croix Inspections Corp., Hudson. All Croix serves on an as-needed basis. The agreement sets the fees that will be charged to persons requesting permits and All Croix's fees. Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to accept the contract. Motion carried.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing, second by Olson, to hold the next Board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Open Discussion: Worsing said he discussed the possibility of Martell joining that service with representatives of the River Falls ambulance. Those representatives are not opposed to Martell joining, said Worsing, but the Town would have to talk to the River Falls city administrator.

Worsing said River Falls now charges \$11 per capita but may have to increase that soon. The Town is currently charged \$24 per capita under its agreement with the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service. Worsing said it is hard to determine response time from the River Falls service, but the time would be slightly longer to the eastern part of the Town than it would be with Ellsworth service. He said if the Board is interested, he can set up a meeting with River Falls.

Worsing also reported there is some discussion about centralizing ambulance service and make it a county service. The change would take a lot of discussion and County Board action. Worsing said everyone has a problem with the centralized service because of concerns over where ambulances would be stationed. He said the Ellsworth service can't continue to run as is because it will either go broke or increase its charges to municipalities. He said about 48 percent of runs are paid by Medicare or Medicaid, and the service loses money on each of those runs.

Worsing said the Ellsworth service is planning a February meeting to discuss options. He thought he would know more after that meeting.

Comprehensive Plan: Olson said it is time to start updating the 2010-2020 Town of Martell Comprehensive Plan.

Bryan Klaenhammer, who was secretary of the group that developed the current plan, suggested going through it, identifying revisions that are needed and changing those rather than starting fresh.

At 7:40 p.m. Worsing made a motion, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried.

TOWN CAUCUS

The town caucus was called to order.

Motion by Worsing, second by Taplin, to elect Dan Sitz to chair the caucus.

Motion carried.

Nomination for Town Chairman: Sitz asked for nominations for chairman. Olson nominated Taplin. The nomination was seconded by Worsing. There were no other nominations.

Nomination for Supervisor 1: LaDonna Worsing nominated John Worsing, second by Sheila Olson. There were no other nominations.

Nominations for Supervisor 2: Sheila Olson nominated Dale Olson, second by Worsing. There were no other nominations.

Nominations for Clerk: Sitz called for nominations for clerk. There were none. Taplin said the town will have to rely on write-in candidates for this position and asked if anyone knows of anyone who might be interested.

Nominations for Treasurer: Taplin nominated Heather Sitz, second by Worsing. There were no other nominations.

With no more business, a motion was made by Taplin, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. The Caucus was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Judy Wiff, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
January 8, 2019

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from Dec. 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
- Take action on request to buy new tractor
- Report on investigation of allowing liquor/beer/wine sales in town
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

Town Caucus

Immediately at the conclusion of the regular meeting, a caucus will be held to nominate candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the positions of town chair, supervisors, clerk and treasurer.