

TOWN OF MARTELL

December 14, 2021, meeting minutes

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2021, by Board Chairman Brad Taplin. Supervisor John Worsing, Supervisor Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021, meeting, November 9 Public Budget Hearing and November 9 Special Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with November disbursements of \$110,931.71 and receipts of \$121,632.75 for a month-end balance of \$67,625.38. Request by Worsing to add ARPA payment amount in savings to the report.

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

Road Work: New plow truck works well with chains on. Tires are not that good on the snow. Patrolman is looking at getting different tires. Brush cutting going well. Have two to three days of work left: 650th North of 870th, 690th Street and 690th Avenue. Also plowing. The County approved Martell's LRIP request. Chairman will finish LRIP application. Patrolman did an excellent job of getting the snow off the road.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 88 of road maintenance and 64 hours of shop work in November.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues: Need different tires on the new plow truck. Need new air tank on the old truck. Auxiliary back up lights on the plow truck are working well. Were more expensive than originally thought they would be.

Patrolman has the quote for garage repair. It is \$6000. Wally Hines said he can help the Patrolman do the repairs for \$1200. The Board approved the Hines option. GM picked the order up for the new pickup. Hopefully will see the new truck in February.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: No driveway permit requests received in November.

Discuss and take action on approval of poll workers and chief inspectors for the 2022-2023 term:

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

Poll Workers and Chief inspectors for the 2022-2023 term will be Dale Brathol, Robin Boles, Sonja Heiniger and Nancy Brooks as Chief Inspectors and Bonnie Jalinski, Lori Close, Mary Hopp, Sandy Gerwien, Audrey Kiefer, Patrica Klass, Wanda Yunker, Beth Kidd, Jeff Pajac, Renne Soberg, Lori Larson and Monica Brooks as poll workers.

Read correspondence:

All Croix Inspection reported no permits or inspections in October. The county reported one Permit issued in November for a solar array. Ordering more bags for the Recycling center. Bag prices have increased by about \$700. Add increasing bag fee to agenda for next month. Received an email that Waste Management had finally delivered the new dumpster. (Note that as per Art Schaller, they didn't deliver a new dumpster but repaired the existing dumpster on site). Received an email from the County Clerk regarding the April election. If there is a need for a primary for any position, the primary will be on February 15th. Email received from the county regarding emergency response contact numbers for Martell.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on January 11, 2022. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Appreciation gift for Art and Randy. Send Brush Crusher bill to Ellsworth Township. Kathy Lipinski is looking at taking over the clerk position. Steve Wilson helped with plowing. Property Taxes went into the mail yesterday.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting; Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board Monthly Meeting Agenda
December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM
The Town Hall is located at
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Spring Valley, WI 54767

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from November 9 meeting, November 9 Public Budget Hearing and November 9 Special Town Meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
 - Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss and take action on approval of poll workers and chief inspectors for the 2022-2023 term
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn

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Minutes: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with October disbursements of \$46,918.41 and receipts of \$35,615.97 for a month-end balance of \$60,194.75.

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

Road Work: Patrolman is done mowing ditches and patching. New truck is working well. Getting ready for winter. For the LRIP application, County wants a two-year plan so this needs to be completed. Plan should include box culverts, seal coating and other culvert replacements. LRIP money will be used to blacktop 570th. The Patrolman wants to hire county to do some branch cutting after the first of the year. There are a lot of branches needing cutting throughout the town.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 121 hours of road maintenance and 8 hours of road construction in October.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues: The patrolman has requested a quote for garage repair. He has not received it yet. Can get by another winter on the current tires on the old plow truck. Bauer Built is currently having issues getting recaps. A power float, an electric hydraulic attachment, might be a good addition when plowing with old truck. It costs \$2300 installed. It is a 14-hour job to install. The Chairman stated that the town should not spend money on the old truck. Might see the new pick-up truck yet this year.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: No driveway permit requests received in October.

Read correspondence:

All Croix Inspection reported no permits or inspections in October. The county reported one Martell Sanitary Permit issued in October and one new address. Received an update on the Pierce-Pepin fiber project and the construction is in progress. Home installations are tentatively set to start in December. Received an email about a Federal Highway webinar on November 22nd. The Board did not think it was of interest. The county is updating its outdoor recreation plan and invites all residents to participate in a survey which is available until December 1st. Salt and Sand prices were received from the county. Prices do not appear to have changed much. However, salt has increased by \$20 per ton.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to hold the next Board meeting on December 14, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Dale Brathol asked about Pierce Pepin fiber installation. Some towns are giving their ARPA money to Pierce Pepin for fiber. If Martell cannot find a way to use the money, this would be an option. Pierce Pepin will base the installation staging on where the most interest is.

The Treasurer asked about the tax statement insert and will add something about signing up for fiber and the need for a replacement clerk.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting; Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Public Budget Hearing

At 7:29 p.m. Chairman Taplin called the Public Budget Hearing to order. One elector was in attendance in addition to the board and Treasurer. Chairman Taplin asked if anyone had questions regarding the budget documents that had been distributed. Question was asked about blacktop. The road construction money can be moved between categories. Recycling is subsidized by about \$600. Olson motioned to close the budget hearing. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Special town meeting

At 7:40 p.m. Chairman Taplin called to order the special town meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2021 levy and 2022 highway expenditures. Dale Brathol made a motion to adopt the budget. John Worsing seconded it. All Five electors in attendance voted to approve the budget. The chair then asked for approval of the 2021 levy to be collected in 2022 to cover highway expenditures of \$419,723. Olson made a motion to approve. Brathol seconded it. Motion carried.

Worsing moved to adjourn the meeting. Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

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Public Budget Hearing

At the conclusion of the regular board meeting, there will be a public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget.

Special town meeting

At the completion of the public budget hearing, there will be a meeting of the town electors to adopt the 2021 levy to be paid in 2022 and to approve 2022 total highway expenditures.

- Adjourn meeting

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October 12, 2021, meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, by Board member John Worsing. Supervisor Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present. Chairman Taplin arrived late and joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with September disbursements of \$51,232.84 and receipts of \$1,113.00 for a month-end balance of \$73,172.38.

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

Road Work: Patrolman is mowing ditches (over ½ done) and patching. Five tons of material was used to patch one mile on 530th Street.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 145 hours of road maintenance and 15 hours of road construction in September.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues: Need new recaps for old plow truck before winter. Bauer Built normally provides the tires. Have not heard anything on the new pick-up truck yet. The old pickup is holding together. Still need estimate for the work on the shop repairs.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: Two driveway permits. The first is for Dan Knutson in Martell. It will be permit no. 2021-9. There is an existing driveway there already that may have been previously permitted so no charge was assessed. Worsing motioned to approve. Olson seconded it. Motion carried. The second will be permit no. 2021-10. The Board has discussed this previously and did not believe a permit was necessary as the driveway is off a private road. However, the County Land Management Office indicated the property owner needed a permit. The property owner is Peter Glassbrenner. The driveway is on the South side of 810th Avenue and 510th Street. Olson made a motion to approve. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on readjusting ward boundaries because of 2020 Census – Ordinance No. 2021-04: The new boundaries line up with the school district boundaries so all of Spring Valley and River Falls is in Ward 2 and all of Ellsworth school district is in Ward 1. This eliminates the need for five ballots in school district elections and lines up with the County Supervisor Districts. All of Ward 2 is in Supervisory District No. 8 and all of Ward 1 is in Supervisory District 12. Olson motioned to approve ordinance 2021-04. Worsing seconded it. Motioned carried.

Conditional Use Permit – Yunker for addition of a trailer house at N8224 650th Street:

There was a trailer on the property, and it was removed. Going to put trailer in same spot. Worsing moved to approve. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Borrowing Resolution 2021-2 for loan with Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to pay the Scott Construction Road repair bill:

Worsing made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-2, a BCPL borrowing resolution to obtain a loan with BCPL for the purpose of payment of the Scott Construction Road Repair bill in the amount of \$95,478.00. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Read correspondence:

All Croix Inspection reported one permit and nine inspections for September. The county reported one Martell Land Use Permit issued in September. Received a letter from Stevens Engineers in Hudson that they are willing to do a one-hour free cost consultation about road projects that might be able to use the LRIP Grant program. Martell will get LRIP funding in 2022 in the amount of \$25,041 for asphalt. The Clerk mentioned that the proposed changes to the county's solar code were available for review. The Xcel Energy Conditional Use permit will be discussed at the October 20th Land Management Meeting.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on November 9, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Supervisor Worsing has been looking into the requirements for the American Recovery Act funding. Will need to see what the revenues for 2022 are to see if the town has funds available to use. For 2021, the town does not have lost revenue. Need an ARA administrator. The Chairman appointed John Worsing as administrator.

Mark Faymoville of Mystical Rose Gardens stated his concerns with the county line road. A solution is needed to solve the dust issue. Mark would like it seal coated. Mark would like Martell to work with the Town of Rush River but the Town of Rush River is in a different County. Mark believes there is far too much traffic on the road for the road's condition. Three mornings a week county trucks drive by but do not appear to have a destination other than driving by. The Board stated it has no influence on Rush River. Mark stated that Rush River's meetings do not allow for open discussion and are held at 4:30 in the afternoon. He would like someone do a traffic count. Ky Kaminski spoke in support of Mark. Ky stated that a permanent solution is needed. The road becomes a washboard road in the winter. Ky will have children going to school soon and it is not a good road for a school bus to drive on. Chairman Taplin stated that Mark should talk to St. Croix County Hwy Department. There are two miles of road here with both towns owning a mile. Martell cannot do any maintenance on this road in 2022. Taplin also stated that residents should contact the state legislature. Towns can only increase their levies by adding debt. It costs \$45,000 to seal coat one mile of road. It costs \$400,000 to do a mile of road correctly.

The treasurer stated she received the Tax Collection agreement from the County Treasurer. Worsing moved to approve the agreement. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Board 2022 Budget Workshop:

The budget for 2022 will be similar to the budget for 2021 with the exception of categories where the Board anticipates an increase such as fire and ambulance costs and patrolman wages.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting; Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board Monthly Meeting Agenda
October 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM
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The CDC and Pierce County are recommending all people wear a mask in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status due to the rise in covid cases in Pierce County.

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from September 14, 2021, meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss and take action on readjusting ward boundaries because of 2020 Census – Ordinance No. 2021-04
- Conditional Use Permit – Yunker for addition of a trailer house at N8224 650th Street
- Discuss and take action on loan for Scott Construction Road repair bill
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Board 2022 Budget Workshop
- Adjourn meeting

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September 14, 2021, meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2021, by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021, meeting with one correction. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with August disbursements of \$14,742.94 and receipts of \$125,654.99 for a month-end balance of \$123,292.21.

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

Road Work: The Culverts are in, and the seal coating has been completed on 870th. The Patrolman will smooth out the ditches. Patching and mowing in process. Drag patching done on 870th. County has cut more trees on Y, and it has helped improve visibility.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 125 hours of road maintenance and 20 hours of shop work in August.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues: New pick-up truck due in October. The flatbed is ready. Will get the money from the state to pay for the flatbed. No estimate on the shop repairs yet. Patrolman will get an estimate.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: No new permits.

Bridge Aid Petitions: For 770th Avenue at \$15,400 and 620th Street at \$8,400. The Town will see ½ of these amounts. Motion made by Worsing. Seconded for Olson. \$25,000 is the estimate.

Conditional Use Permit – Xcel Energy request for material storage yard at N8143 US Hwy 63: Worsing moved to approve. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Clerk Issues:

The clerk checked with the WI Towns Assn. To switch to having an appointed clerk requires a referendum election. First an ordinance must be adopted, then a referendum for electors to approve the ordinance and then the referendum can be put on the next spring election but the term for the appointed clerk can't start until 2023. The Towns Assn stated that Clerk can stay to help out until a new clerk is found but is not obligated to do so. Will ask the County to put notice of need for a Clerk on the website.

Preliminary Budget Discussion: The process can't really start until the Clerk receives the Final Statement of Assessment for 2020 which is not due until October.

Read correspondence:

All Croix Inspection reported one permit and five inspections for August. The county reported one Martell Land Use Permit and two sanitary permits issued in August. The state reported that Martell's change in percent of county equalized value is up 5.59%. Received more WISLR information for Patrolman. Comments regarding the Bergman MFL designation are due by September 18th. Notice for 2021 fire safety newspapers in education received. Approval letter for truck loan from the state received. The town has four months from the approval date of August 16, 2021, to request the money. Notice from the state as well as the County regarding redistricting received. Need the county to finish their map before Martell can redistrict. County Clerk states that Martell should try to get the wards to match up with school district boundaries. The County is meeting on September 15 on redistricting. The Clerk will attend. There is a LRIP meeting on October 7th for the County. The Chair will attend. Received a notice from Pierce Pepin Cooperative that Phase one of the fiber installation will begin on September 13th. Residents need to sign up to indicate interest. Phase one is Beldenville area.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on October 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Supervisor Worsing has been looking into the requirements for the American Recovery Act funding.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting; Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

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Open meeting

- Approve minutes from August 10, 2021 meeting
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- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Bridge Aid Petition
- Conditional Use Permit – Xcel Energy request for material storage yard at N8143 US Hwy 63
- Clerk Issues
- Preliminary Budget Discussion
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

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August 10, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting with two minor corrections. Clerk will make the changes and the corrected version will be saved in the Town files as well as posted to the town page on the county website. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with July disbursements of \$113,792.57 and receipts of \$48,127.23 for a month-end balance of \$12,410.16. Will be receiving a tax payment in August and then the next revenue comes in October. Need to watch expenditures going forward.

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

Road Work: The County is going to cut more trees on Y to improve visibility. The parking lot at the town hall has been repaved. The County has replaced the culverts on 620th. Will propose cost sharing on these. This will be on the agenda next month. The culvert on 770th has also been replaced but it needs to be mowed around. Haven't patched Warren's road yet. Believe there are some hills washed out because of the 5 inches of rain.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 60 hours of road maintenance, 20 hours of tree cutting and 10 hours of shop work in July. The Patrolman was on vacation 70 hours in July.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

Truck in the shop again. Had to be towed because it wouldn't start. Steel panels on the maintenance building need to be repaired soon. Believe it will cost about \$10,000. A tree in front of the town hall should be cut down as it isn't healthy. The mowing company is concerned about trying to mow around the rocks coming down from the retaining wall. The wall should be removed and the area graded. The patrolman can take care of this. At 9 am on Wednesday, the handicapped parking space at the town hall will be repainted.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: No new permits. A permit was issued to Gregory Huset in 2011 but he never filed it with the County. The permit is reissued as Permit No. 2021-. The Clerk will send Permit No. 2021- to Mr. Huset's wife, Susan Martin, as Mr. Huset has passed. She will need to record the new permit within one year or pay for a new permit.

Discuss and Take Action on the Chippewa Valley Energy LP Bid: Motion was made to contract for the maximum amount of \$1700 by Supervisor Worsing. Supervisor Olson seconded it. Motion carried

Read correspondence:

Received notice that the county is going to be revising its solar ordinance. It was mentioned the revision could be related to the Town of Gillman solar project.

All Croix Inspection reported no activity in July. The county reported Martell Land Use Permits issued in July.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson, seconded by Worsing to hold the next Board meeting on September 14, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Supervisor Olson reported on the recent Ellsworth Ambulance Service Meeting he attended: The Service has done 20 runs for Martell and 37 back up calls for the River Falls Service. One ambulance hit a deer. A EMT resigned. Three on call positions have been filled. All of the lights were converted to LED. 95% of the EMT staff is vaccinated but they are still requiring masks. Ellsworth Fire Department has a bought a new vehicle to respond to medical emergencies. There will be a 3% increase in the service costs, or \$38,709 in 2022. There was a discussion regarding increases in Medicare reimbursements. The new ambulance had a wiring issue. A charge has been instituted for responding to people needing help off toilets. One person has requested this service four times. One person uses the ambulance for doctor appointments.

The Clerk reported she is moving, and the Town will need to replace her.

Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting; Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

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July 13, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with June disbursements of \$86,451.63 and receipts of \$68,828.80 for a month-end balance of \$78,416.77.

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

Road Work: Rock work and dust control is done. Mowing is almost done. Some noxious weeds have been sprayed. Have a wash out on the corner of 780th and County Road J. Patrolman has received a bid of \$2500 to \$3000 to fix from the county. The Patrolman will contact the county to do the work. Scotts will carry the town until January to do a double seal on 530th Street as long as the town makes a down payment. Total cost would be \$50,000 and down payment would be approximately \$10,000.

The Chairman stated that the culvert work is still pending as cost information has not yet been received from the County. We can't commit to anymore road work until the culvert costs are known so 530th will probably have to wait until next year. Scotts Construction will be in Martell next month to do the other job that the town has already contracted for. The second driveway on 780th has not been removed yet. The Patrolman will contact the owner stating it needs to be out by August first or the Town will take it out and charge the owner.

The County has changed the intersection of 870th and County Road Y. The Chairman asked if the Town should make an official complaint. This would demonstrate that the Town is making the County aware of the potential risk from the change. There is limited visibility to the left if cars need to turn to the north. The county will be blacktopping Y soon and then traffic will be going fast on County Road Y making it very difficult for cars to turn onto Y from 870th and avoid accidents. Additional tree cutting and right away is needed to improve visibility. The County has already cut a bunch of trees and it is unclear how the property owners will feel about losing more trees and land for additional right of way. Board member Olson made a motion to officially notify the county highway department of the Town's concerns. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

Dan Knutson knocked over a stop sign. The Clerk will bill him as soon as the costs for the new sign are provided.

Employee's report: The Patrolman performed 120 hours of road maintenance and 20 hours of road construction in June. The Patrolman will be on vacation from the 17th through the 27th of

July. The town will need a part time plow driver for the winter. The Patrolman will ask Eric Eckhoff if he is interested in helping.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

New plow truck had an issue with the rear springs. Greased the springs and it seemed to take care of it. Freightliner thought there could have been overspray from the paint job. Patrolman will keep an eye on potential issues with the new truck and inform Freightliner right away of any other issues.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: No permits.

Discuss and Approve Loan for new Pick-up: Worsing motioned to approve Resolution 2021-1 for the purpose of borrowing \$42,5000 to purchase a new pick-up from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin, Olson seconded it. Motion carried. The Board signed the paperwork to complete the loan process and the clerk will file the paperwork with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands

Discuss and approve Bonding of Clerk and Treasurer:

\$125,000 bonds carry a premium of \$1,144.77 for two years. Worsing moved to approve issuing bonds for the Clerk and Treasurer. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Read correspondence:

Correspondence included: All Croix Inspection reported activity, Land Use Permits issued in June and an announcement of an Open house for Piece Pepin's Broadband initiative on Wednesday.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to hold the next Board meeting on August 10, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Lori Larson asked when the work on 780th Avenue will be done. Scott's will do the work either the 2nd or third week of August. There are issues with the port-a-potty at the dump. Patrolman will look at it. The prebuy contract for propane will be on the agenda next month. The Patrolman stated he heard a rumor that the County is requiring Towns to move to the new flag style fire numbers and the Towns will have to pay for it. No Board member has heard this rumor and due to the potential costs this could bring, the Board would not like this to occur. The Pierce County Fair is the 12th through the 15th of August.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting, Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

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Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Worsing to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Worsing and seconded by Olson to approve the Board of Review minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with May disbursements of \$34,236.16 and receipts of \$3,891.82 for a month-end balance of \$95,457.66.

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

Road Work: Blade patching, pothole filling and gravel work. Got ditching done & it has been seeded and mulched. Still haven't gotten bids from the County for the gravel. Brush Crushers took care of a downed tree.

Discuss and Approve Bridge Aid Petition for 770th Avenue:

Worsing made a motion and Olson seconded it to approve a Bridge Aid Petition for 770th Avenue. The total cost of the project is \$33,080. The County would pay 50%. Motion carried.

Employee's report: 74 hours of road construction, 50 hours of road maintenance and 10 hours at Universal's open house.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

Had to purchase a new condenser for the International Pickup as it is too hot to be without air conditioning currently. Will be buying recapped tires for the old plow truck so it is ready to use as a backup this winter for snow plowing.

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: Two driveway permits have been requested. Residential Permit No. 2021-6 for John Kowalczyk. The driveway will be located on the East side of 570th Street just off HWY 63. This property will share an existing driveway and approximately 100 feet will be needed for this residence. Worsing moved to approve Permit No. 2021-6. Olson seconded it. Motion carried. The second permit is for Jerome Halls and would be a Field Permit. Olson motioned to approve Permit No. 2021-7. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss New Pick-up Loan Status: Coming in September so have July & August to get the loan documents completed. Resolution will be on the agenda for next month.

Bonding of Clerk and Treasurer:

\$125,000 bonds. Will get the price and add this to the agenda next month for potential approval.

Read correspondence:

All Croix reported that no permits were issued in May. Received correspondence from the County regarding Land Use Permits issued in May. Received email regarding Pavement Ratings Due by December 15, 2021. Received Order from Department of Natural Resources regarding removing Chad Johnson land from Managed Forest land for utility right of way.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to hold the next Board meeting on July 13, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion: Appraiser reported that no one came to the open book. Board of Review meeting is next Tuesday at 6 pm.

Art reported that someone dropped mattress and box spring at the recycling center. Need to reimburse Randy for taking it to the County Recycling Center.

Two dog calls recently in Martell. One involves Mr. Flock. The Clerk will bill Mr. Brown for the euthanasia of his dog.

The Board Chair is supposed to be signing checks along with the clerk and Treasurer. The Treasurer will call the bank and let them know we will be making this change. The next blank check order will include three signature lines. Until more checks are needed, the clerk and treasurer will sign on the same line and leave the second line for the Board Chair.

The Clerk will be out of town from June 27th through July 9th. The clerk will send out the agenda for review on the 26th of June. The Treasurer will provide the agenda to the paper for inclusion in its July 8th edition. If the Board has agenda changes, these need to be provided to the Treasurer before Friday, July 2nd which is the day the agenda needs to be sent to the paper. The Patrolman's 2nd of July will be cut early and provided to the Patrolman but he will not be able to cash it until the 2nd.

As per the Town's magazine, the Town is supposed to issue a permit for fireworks. The Chairman states that he doesn't get asked about this so there is no way to provide permits. Residents just buy fireworks and do their displays so there is no way to track this.

The driveway on 780th that was supposed to be removed has not been removed yet. The Chair instructed the Patrolman to give the resident two weeks notice or the Town will hire someone to take it out and charge the resident.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting, Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board Monthly Meeting Agenda
June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM
The Town Hall is located at
W5581 800th Avenue
Spring Valley, WI 54767

Social distancing and mask wearing are still recommended by the CDC indoors when unvaccinated

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from May 11, 2021 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Discuss and approve Bridge Aid Petition for 770th Avenue
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss New Pick-up Loan Status
- Bonding of Clerk and Treasurer
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

Any person wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the clerk at 715-977-1202 or martell.clerk01@gmail.com at least 24 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

TOWN OF MARTELL

May 11, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with April disbursements of \$30,427.61 and receipts of \$48,922.94 for a month-end balance of \$185,802.00.

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

Road Work: A lot of work has been done in the past month. Blade patching got done in the last few days. The Board went on its annual road tour and found enough work for multiple years. There are the three culverts mentioned in earlier meetings that need to be replaced. There is another culvert by Algot Anderson's property that also needs replacement. This culvert is large enough that it is a cost sharing project with the County. The County already has the right sized pipe available. They are going to sell it at the book price which is \$5000 less than what a new one would be. The job will cost between \$24,000 and \$25,000. Probably need to wait on getting an end wall for the project. Still waiting for an estimate on the other three culverts.

Need to do a structure repair next year on 870th. There is a box culvert where one of the abutments is cracked and shifting. There is also an issue on the "Beaver Dam" bridge. The side wall tipped over. Will talk to the county about it. The dust control requested by the Town of Rush River and Mark Faymerville was completed. There are a lots of pot holes needing filling. The fill on the county line bridge turned out nice. Would like it seeded and mulched by the county. The Chair will talk to the county about doing this. It needs to rain before the roads can be graded.

Employee's report: 30 hours of shop work and 146 hours of road maintenance.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

New steering box was installed on the international. Tomorrow is the open house at universal that the Patrolman is attending. The County will do the town hall parking lot when they do Y.

Driveway permits: Two driveway permits have been requested for field access. The first request is Permit No. 2021-3 for Jim Knutson on 650th just west of his house towards County Rd. J. There are no issues with this permit. Worsing moved to approve Permit No. 2021-3. Olson seconded it. Motion carried. Second permit is for Scott Campbell. A permit was already issued for his driveway but he needed to place his house in a different spot so the Chair recommended modifying the previous permit to a field permit and this new one will be the driveway permit but

because Campbell already paid the driveway permit amount, the Chair stated this permit will be \$25. This is Permit No. 2021-4. The driveway will be off 650th instead 870th. He will use both driveways. Worsing moved to approve Permit No. 2021-4. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss Conditional Use Permit for Richard Eggen:

Building a shed with a mother-in-law suite. Son and daughter in law will live in the house and Richard and spouse will live in the suite. Septic is already designed for four bedrooms. Have talked to the county. The county said they will be OK the conditional use if the Town Board approves it. Worsing motioned to approve. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss and approve Revised Dog Ordinance 2021-02:

Supervisor Worsing introduced the ordinance that had been through legal review. Worsing mentioned that the attorney asked why the Town would want a waiver of the kennel permit in the ordinance. It was mentioned that at one time there were six kennels in the Town but currently the Board isn't aware of any kennels. The Board stated the waiver should remain in the ordinance. Worsing moved to approve the ordinance. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Sign Ordinance appointing alternate members for Board of Review (Board of Review Ordinance No. 2021-03):

Worsing moved to approve. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried. Olson recused himself due to his spouse being listed as an alternate.

Read correspondence:

Correspondence received from All Croix for permits issued in April. Received correspondence from the County regarding Land Use Permits issues in April. The clerk mentioned that the State of Wisconsin, Department of Revenue website has some discussion of the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds and states that if a Town uses the funds, it needs to reduce its levy by the amount of funding it used. More guidance has been received on these funds and the Towns Association is evaluating that guidance.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson to hold the next Board meeting on June 8, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

The Clerk asked if the Town has ever had bonds for the Clerk & Treasurer based on the article in the current Towns magazine. Former board members and the current board members all stated they believed the current insurance covers this. The Clerk received information that this is not the case and will pursue this further.

Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting, Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Board of Review Meeting and adjournment

The Board of Review Meeting for 2021 was called into session. Worsing moved to adjourn the Board of Review until the 15th of June. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Social distancing and mask wearing are strongly recommended

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss Conditional Use Permit for Richard Eggen
- Discuss and approve Revised Dog Ordinance 2021-02
- Sign ordinance appointing alternate members Board of Review (Board of Review Ordinance 2021-03)
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

April 20, 2021

We need hands raised and a count on each motion

1. Motion to approve minutes from previous annual meeting
2. Motion to approve 2020 financial report
3. 2020 road report
4. Update on 2021 road projects
5. Set date for 2022 annual meeting (April 19, 2022)
6. Other business to properly come before the annual meeting
7. Adjourn.

TOWN OF MARTELL

April 13, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with March disbursements of \$27,856.72 and receipts of \$1,617.02 for a month-end balance of \$107,306.67.

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

Road Work: Nothing going on yet. Roads look good. The Patrolman has used the shoulder reclaimer the town recently purchased from the Town of River Falls. It works well. An estimate was received from the County to put 4 inches of gravel on a portion of 810th and 590th. The Patrolman will have to do the blading. Worsing motioned to approve applying gravel on sections of 810th and 590th Street for a total cost of \$32,175. The application will go to the first curve past Hwy 29. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Dust control has already been mentioned. Rush River and Mark Faymerville want it done early. Doing these two areas would comprise a full load. The County has mentioned that they are available to do the dust control, but they haven't done much of it and use a different material than the usual contractor. The Town will stay with the normal contractor.

The county has provided a bid to blade patch for \$75,000. The Board will look at this further when doing the road tour. The County would like to do this the second week of May.

Employee's report: 20 hours plowing and sanding, 40 hours cutting trees, 65 hours of shop work and 25 hours of road maintenance.

Presentation from Scott Construction on Seal Coating Roads:

Emulsion is usually used for city streets and hot oil is usually used in the country. The City of Menomonie uses emulsion. They have more traffic on their roads. Hot oil is applied at 350 degrees. Emulsion is applied at 150-170 degrees. Emulsion is 30% water but does get hard. Hot oil can get pliable and bleed when the weather is extremely warm. The process to apply either product is the same. It can be applied to either pavement or gravel. Can hand patch prior to coating. Big cracks should be treated before oil is applied. A different group from the company seals the big cracks. Fractured granite is used over the coating but some towns like pea gravel. Granite has less sharp edges. Emulsion is a little bit more expensive. Have to apply more because of the water in the product. There is a \$1500 difference between the products. Based on work done for Dunn County, Scott's estimates fog seal at \$3000 a mile. It goes away

after a year or so. Can't put a fog seal on hot oil. Scott's will do the two roads that were pointed out by the Patrolman. They are available at the end of July through August to do the work. They can sweep later but normally don't. In rural areas, the majority just gets blown off. Supervisor Olson motioned to approve the contract with Scott's to seal coat 780th Avenue and 810th Avenue. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

The new plow truck is ready. Universal wants to use it in their open house. They gave us a free upgrade on the camera system. The Board left it up to the Patrolman to decide whether or not to participate

Driveway permits: None

Discuss Draft Policy Regarding Reimbursement Requests by Board Members:

Board members are OK with the policy.

Discuss Road Tour Options:

Saturday, April 24th will be the day. Start at 7 am finish around noon. No emergencies out there. There are a couple of culvert issues. The Patrolman needs to measure them. The Board will meet at the Chairman's house and start the tour there.

Discuss Lawn Care Service Contract:

The new contract is \$145 per mowing session. Worsing motioned to approve the contract. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Read correspondence:

Correspondence received from Asphalt Maintenance, the County regarding the Hwy 63 project, and the monthly permits issued.

Set Date for Open Book and Board of Review: Worsing moved to schedule the Open book on June 1st from noon to 2 pm and the Board of Review on June 15 from 6-8 pm. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to hold the next Board meeting on May 11, 2021. Motion carried.

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Annual meeting is next Tuesday, the 20th.

Swear in New Board: Swore in the new board, Brad Taplin-Chairman, John Worsing-Supervisor I, Dale Olson-Supervisor II, Heather Sitz-Treasurer, and Sara Cardwell-Clerk.

Open discussion: John Loosgard asked about seal coating 650th. The Chairman stated the Town has to get caught up. The Town has a limited budget and is doing the best it can. Lori Larson asked about the bleeding with the new seal coating. Supervisor Olson responded that it

shouldn't be an issue. The seal coat is only going on the gravel. A different company is doing this than the one that did road Lori is concerned about. The Clerk mentioned that 4-H might start in person meetings in May and was wondering if the Board wanted to put any requirements on the Sportsmen's Club and the 4-H for free use of the building such as cleaning. The Board said no.

Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM
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Open meeting

- Approve minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Swear in new board
- Presentation from Scott Construction on Seal Coating Roads
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss Draft Policy Regarding Reimbursement Requests by Board Members
- Discuss Road Tour Options
- Discuss Lawn Care Service Contract
- Read correspondence
- Set Date for Open Book and Board of Review
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion
- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

March 9, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board member Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with February disbursements of \$770,454.95 and receipts of \$330,186.29 for a month-end balance of \$132,300.74.

Payment of bills: Motion by Olson to pay the February bills. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Road Work: Pot holes coming up. Scotts has not contacted the patrolman yet. The patrolman will call. Looking at seal coating two areas. There is also a fog seal that the county can do. Scotts does not do that. County and Scotts will provide bids for the seal coating. The Patrolman will put together a list of road work needed. An epoxy overlay on the bridges would qualify for cost sharing. The Chairman will get the square footage together. The County engineer would be available to help. County will blade patch early this year. The Patrolman has located two bad culverts on 620th between J and 29. Both are small. Two other culverts have bump signs set up. One is by 610th and the second is by Wingers. The Board will schedule a road tour for next month.

Employee's report: 80.5 hours of plowing and sanding, 40 hours cutting trees and 49 hours of shop work in February.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

The new plow truck is ready to take in on Thursday to get the plow and truck bed attached. Supervisor Olson will provide transportation for the Patrolman. Ford is not an option for a new work truck. They don't have pricing for 2022 models yet and no 2021 models are available. Chevrolet is \$36,000 for a 2022 cab and chassis and \$6400 for the bed. Lights will be another \$700. The truck will be available in the fall. The Patrolman would like two tool boxes which would be another \$700. Supervisor Olson motioned to start the process to purchase a new truck. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

The Patrolman is getting a two way radio for the plow truck which will be installed by Freightliner. The Patrolman proposes that the Town purchase a shoulder disc from the Town of River Falls. The Patrolman has used this equipment and believes it would be good to have. River Falls does not want it and has offered it to the Town for \$1600. El Paso and Gilman will split the cost and use of the equipment with the Town. Supervisor Olson made a motion to approve purchase. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried. Supervisor Olson commented that the sharing of the patcher with El Paso and Gilman works well.

Driveway permits: Supervisor Olson motioned to approve Agricultural permit, No 2021-1. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried. A second permit has been requested by Scott Campbell for 870th Avenue, 0.1 mile east of 650th. Supervisor Olson motioned to approve this permit. Taplin seconded it.

Animal Control Officer Discussion: Supervisor Olson motioned to stay with Darel Hall as the provider of Animal Control. Chairman Taplin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amending the Dog Ordinance: Chairman Taplin will talk to Supervisor Worsing about taking the ordinance to the attorney for review.

Read correspondence:

The state has notified the town that a HWY 63 reconstruction project is in the works. The HWY will be ground and overlayed from the Red Barn to Ellsworth. The project includes tree trimming. The project is scheduled for 2027 but could be done as early as 2022. There is also ongoing discussions regarding the intersection in Martell and reworking the roads by Town Hall. Residents should talk to the state representative and state their support for the project.

Other Correspondence includes: Notification that the Town of Martell was certified by the Public Service Commission as a Broadband Forward! Community; Fahrner Asphalt Sealers would like to discuss potential road projects; Ballot to vote for Pierce Pepin Cooperative Board Members; and Notification that there was no permit activity in February.

The town received the Title and Registration for new Truck. The Treasurer will place the Title in the safety deposit box at the bank and the Patrolman will put the registration in the truck,

Received an email regarding Flood Insurance Awareness Week and that the Board should encourage residents to get flood insurance.

Received a letter from Luhman's that they are ready to serve the Town's dust control needs.

There was also a mention that residents to let the sheriff and Board Chairman know if they plan to burn or they will be charged for a fire call.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to hold the next Board meeting on April 13th, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion: Supervisor Olson will look for a used stove for the Town Hall. The goal is to spend \$200 or less.

Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
March 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Social distancing and mask wearing are strongly recommended

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from February 9, 2021 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
 Replace town pickup?
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Animal Control Officer Discussion
- Amending the Dog Ordinance
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

February 9, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Worsing, seconded by Olson, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Town Caucus. Motion carried. Olson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021 special meeting. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with January disbursements of \$519,833.61 and receipts of \$870,760.36 for a month-end balance of \$572,569.40.

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

Road Work: Patrolman has been plowing and sanding. He has finished the tree work and all the stumps were ground. There are more trees that could be cut if the town has more money to do so.

Employee's report: 78.5 hours of plowing, 46 hours cutting trees and 52 hours of shop work.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

The town truck is a 1998 model with 240,000 miles on it. The Town has been spending a fair amount to keep it on the road. A one ton dually flat bed truck would make the most sense. The Patrolman will do some checking and bring some prices to the next meeting. The new plow truck is expected to be finished by the end of March.

Driveway permits: None.

Discuss and act on the zoning issues for the Freeland property at W5366 794th Avenue: Seeing nothing is happening in this regard, this item will be removed from the agenda until an update is available.

Broadband Ordinance: Worsing moved to approve. Olson seconded it. Ordinance approved.

Presentation from Brit Harmon – Companion Animal Control: Own & Operate Companion Animal Control. Have been doing it in 27 cities. Has a state license for an impoundment facility. The current animal control officer has now hired someone who has a qualified facility. Current pricing is based on mileage and location. Companion Animal Control is closer because they are based in Hudson. Companion Animal Control charges a flat rate and covers the insurance costs. Companion Animal Control will also handle livestock issues. This item will be on the agenda for further discussion next month.

Amending the Dog Ordinance: This still needs work. Further changes will be made and further discussions will take place in March.

New Contract with All Croix Inspection Corp: Worsing motioned to approve the new contract. Olson seconded it. Motion carried.

Read correspondence: No significant correspondence was presented.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Worsing and seconded by Taplin to hold the next Board meeting on March 9th, 2021. Motion carried.

Open discussion: None

John Worsing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
February 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Social distancing and mask wearing are strongly recommended

Open meeting

- Approve minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting
- Approve minutes from January 25, 2021 Special Meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues
 - Replace town pickup?
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss and take action on the zoning issues for the Freeland property at W5366 794th Avenue
- Broadband Ordinance
- Presentation from Brit Harmon – Companion Animal Control
- Amending the Dog Ordinance
- New Contract with All Croix Inspections Corp.
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL
Special Meeting
January 25, 2021 meeting

The Special Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board members Dale Olson and John Worsing and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present.

Discuss Ambulance Service Proposals from Baldwin and River Falls Ambulance Services:

Chairman Taplin started the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting was to discuss things. The Board would not be passing anything. The Town Board has not been trying to hide anything. The Ellsworth Ambulance Service has been on the agenda since October. The closed sessions are discussed in the minutes. There was a closed session regarding the Baldwin Ambulance Service. They wanted to inform the Board that they would be crossing into Martell to pick up patients.

The proposed agenda for the February meeting also includes a discussion of ambulance service. There is a cost difference between the services. Ellsworth is \$31 per capita. Allina is \$15 and Baldwin is \$14.35. Going with Allina would decrease expenses by \$19,000 per year. The Chairman is focused on controlling expenses. The Town is required to contract for or maintain ambulance service and may contract with one or more providers by state statute.

The Chairman asked if the ambulance employees believe town board members are qualified to supervise or oversee the ambulance operations. Jessi Willenbring responded that the job of the operating committee to supervise the service. A lot of rules need to be learned to be fluent in ambulance operation. Chairman Taplin mentioned that he was concerned that town board members are on the operating committee without knowledge of the service and are expected to oversee the operations.

Rich Eggen stated the town's representative to the Ellsworth Operating Committee has failed the town. The representative was asked to leave a meeting and the board was asked to remove him from the ambulance operating committee. The Chairman stated that the Town's representative has medical experience and is the best qualified to be on the committee.

Jessi Willenbring mentioned that there have been a lot of changes in the Ellsworth Ambulance Service recently. The group was formerly managed by Health Partners. When Health Partners left, the Ambulance Service needed to function as an independent agency. The Ambulance Service has funds available to hire experts. The service doesn't necessarily need medical experts on the committee. Effective communication and trust is what is needed. The Operating Committee should be there to support the ambulance service. If there is a breakdown in communications and trust, that is a detriment to the service.

Has the Town's representative presented issues? Dan Fischer, the head of the Operating Committee said yes but the representative also has a tendency to push and bully people. That is why he was asked to leave a meeting. Recently, the Town's representative has been better. But,

he tries to micro manage and pick things apart. It would be better to let the operating committee provide a vision and the manager to do the managing

Dan Simpson stated that the service's CPA explained the figures and yet the town's representative didn't accept the CPA's explanation. The town's representative chews on things to the point of being an obstructionist. The service is trying to do the best job we can. We understand there are personality issues but that should not be the focus.

Bill Brookshaw stated the town's representative accused the director of lying and not doing her work. The ambulance service has addressed some of the representative's concerns. The service got outside help and yes, the operating committee does have the right to audit financial reports as needed.

Jessi Willenbring asked why Ellsworth was not asked to provide a proposal. The service would like that opportunity.

Kiki Augusten wanted the board to know that isn't easy to know about the agenda. After the loss of the River Falls Journal, there is no place to get local news? Ellsworth has been the provider for 25 years. Is it just the per capita cost that is an issue? How do you know Allina's costs? Did you get that information with the bids? There is more than just the per capita fee. There is also the actual amount charged to "Grandma Smith". She is going to pay more with either of these two services than Ellsworth. The fee schedule from Ellsworth is less.

There is no requirement to disclose fees. Ellsworth's costs looks high but some other services can't provide advanced life support. Metro rates are always higher than rural rates. Ellsworth is at the rates that are recoverable from insurance. Ellsworth keeps billing levels at the amounts considered fair by insurance. Red Wing is lower because they are part of the fire service. Baldwin's service fees are lower than Allina.

Ellsworth went for a number of years without raising rates. Because Ellsworth didn't raise rates gradually, there was a big bump in costs. Ellsworth bought a lot of equipment recently which means the service is in a very stable position right now. Putting dollars on lives is a bad place to be. Keeping people alive is important. Can't just focus on the per capita costs. Ellsworth isn't a better service, it is just closer to most of the residents and many employees are also members of the community. Most of the money stays in the community. Many workers are volunteers.

Stina Anderson stated that if Martell leaves, a financial component goes with it. Removing it has an effect on the other communities. Costs have to go to sister communities. Ellsworth can respond more quickly. We have first responders in every community. Removing Martell means Ellsworth responders can't respond even if they are closest. Three people in at this meeting can respond from their homes. When Board member Olson had his heart attack Ellsworth was busy so Allina came. Ellsworth has actually provided more back up to River Falls than River Falls has provided to Ellsworth even though Ellsworth is a smaller service.

Kathy Meyers worked for River Falls for 15 years. With the transition to Allina, there have been changes to the service that concern her. River Falls used to have four ambulances. Now they have one in River Falls, one in Prescott and one at the hospital. Don't have statistics but

Ellsworth's mutual aid demonstrates a lack of River Falls's availability. If they add Martell and still only have three ambulances, Ellsworth will still need to respond.

Stina Anderson provided overlay maps. Ellsworth covers a third of Martell in 10 minutes. Baldwin can't meet this other than by the Red Barn. River Falls can do this in the area around Hwy 29. A vast amount of Martell is covered by Ellsworth in 15 minutes. There is one tiny corner where River Falls can do a 15 minute response. Baldwin comes to north east corner in 15 minutes. In 20 minutes Ellsworth can cover all and more. There are some areas where neither Baldwin or River Falls can get to in 20 minutes. Geographically Ellsworth makes the most sense. Both Baldwin and River Falls do a lot of transfers to the cities. This helps them cover costs. Ellsworth doesn't have a hospital so Ellsworth can't participate in transfer services.

How many citizens has the board heard from? What is the opinion from townspeople? It sounds like this matter is personal to Dale Olson and John Worsing. John Worsing stated it was not personal. He was asked to look at this by the board. The board wants quality and guaranteed response times. This was an assignment like any other assignment. It is not personal. John stated that when he was in the emergency room, he didn't need to know who the cardiologist was. Someone in the group asked what happens if you die because the ambulance can't get there. What is the township's liability? If we die before the ambulance gets there. 90% response time 17.59 seconds. Someone in the group stated they heard Mr. Worsing wanted to see Ellsworth shut down.

It was also stated that Mr. Worsing told the board the Ellsworth Ambulance Service was broke. The service was not broke, it just didn't have a good handle on how to generate reports.

Stina Anderson asked what started the ambulance service discussion? The board started the discussion started as part of budget discussions. The board found out there was an alternative that was significant cheaper. Why is Ellsworth \$19000 more? The board could use that money for pavement. The board was looking at how to save money. What is going to keep Ellsworth Ambulance service from continuing to go up.

Rich Eggan stated that the town board representative is supposed to come back and explain the ambulance service budget. Martell's representative hasn't done that. He has not had honest discussions with the board. Does Martell have the same representation if they move to Allina? Supervisor Worsing stated that the River Falls contract is overseen by the River Falls City Council. The City Council does the negotiations. Allina is nationally certified. Baldwin is overseen by the Baldwin City Council. Neither has an operating committee. If Martell went with one of these other services, the town would approach the city council if there are concerns. Could Martell residents go to River Falls City Council meetings? They are open meetings. The three ambulances in River Falls cover more people than the three ambulances in Ellsworth.

Looks like Martell would be at the mercy of the city council. If it isn't in their best interest, they won't deal with Martell's issue. The proposal from River Falls/Allina guarantees a 17.59 minute response time. Price is \$15.00 for the first year and will increase 1.5 percent per year. Costs would be less than Ellsworth for all three years of the contract. Price includes an administrative fee.

Baldwin has four ambulances. The service responded to 1811 service calls in 2020. Baldwin is 7.5 miles to the northern edge of the town. Baldwin has many staff members that live in the Baldwin area. They would need to recruit first responders from Martell.

Baldwin saw the article in the paper that said Martell was talking to Allina. They then asked why the town hadn't asked them to provide a proposal. John Worsing had previously talked to Baldwin when Ellsworth was looking for a medical director.

Arby Linder mentioned that Ellsworth took him to the hospital. The service was great.

Mr. Worsing stated that after the town received the proposal from Baldwin, he talked to River Falls. River Falls said that they would be willing to divide the town with Baldwin. That would provide each with quicker response time. Stina Anderson stated that there is a lot of assumptions tied in with the times provided by Allina and Baldwin. Kiki Augustin stated that Ellsworth has the experience in covering the town.

Kathy Meyers asked if there had been any consideration of Ellsworth continuing to cover the southern portion? Chairman Taplin stated that was mentioned at the last meeting. Jessi Willenbring stated there is no part of Martell that either Baldwin or River Falls can reach in 10 minutes. Ellsworth does a good job of knowing when people are really sick. Ellsworth listens to River Falls calls and they are currently stretched. If we look at Prescott, they have no choice anymore. They will always have to rely on another provider. Finances and staffing were issues with Prescott. Prescott served a smaller area than Ellsworth. Prescott may be sorry going forward because the city is growing. There is only one ambulance in the area and it is not always there.

The Board Chairman asked for a count as to how many Martell residents were in the room. There were 16 residents in attendance.

Take action to move forward with just one or both proposals:

Rich Egan made a motion to not move forward either of the new proposals and stay with Ellsworth. The motion was seconded by Beth Kidd. Supervisor Worsing stated that the board could get a proposal from Ellsworth and consider all three proposals. Getting proposals and comparing services is prudent. Someone asked why the board hasn't done this before? The Board stated it was moving in a sequence pattern. The Board got information from River Falls and it was in the paper. The purpose of this meeting was to see if we should move forward.

Arby Linder stated there is a motion on the table and the board needs to abide by that motion. A vote was taken and 11 voted for staying with the Ellsworth Service and five voted against it. Motion to stay with Ellsworth Ambulance Service carried.

Kathy Meyers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Kidd seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

**Martell Town Board
Special Meeting Agenda
January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Social distancing and mask wearing are strongly recommended**

- Discuss Ambulance Service Proposals from Baldwin and River Falls Ambulance Services
- Take action to move forward with just one or both proposals.
- Adjourn meeting

TOWN OF MARTELL

January 12, 2021 meeting

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, 2021 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Board member Dale Olson, treasurer Heather Sitz and clerk Sara Cardwell were also present. Board member John Worsing joined the meeting late and was there for the reading of correspondence, setting date for next meeting, open discussion and caucus.

Minutes: Motion by Olson and seconded by Taplin to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with December disbursements of \$25,881.65 and receipts of \$11,733.61 for a month-end balance of \$35,175.81.

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

Road Work: Not much going on. Patrolman is cutting trees. Does the town want to hire someone to grind stumps? Patrolman found someone that will do it for \$150 per hour. Superintendent Olson mentioned another potential contractor. Patrolman will get a second bid.

Employee's report: 35 hours plowing, 76 hours of shop work and 73 hours cutting trees.

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:

Patrolman built new shields for plow truck and bucket loader repairs were made. Walters came and looked at the upstairs furnace. Seeing the upstairs is not being used currently in the winter, the board will wait on purchasing a new furnace. The patrolman will look at the stove and see if it can be repaired or needs to be replaced. Supervisor Olson mentioned that there may be reasonably priced used replacements available online.

Driveway permits: None.

Discuss and act on the zoning issues for the Freeland property at W5366 794th Avenue: Nothing new happening to act on in terms of the zoning issue. Treasurer sent a letter to the property owner regarding the renter's dog. The dog is still there.

Broadband Discussion: Carissa Kirchner and Juliet Tompkins presented the Broadband Forward Ordinance. A lot of people in the area don't have good internet service. If the town were to enact the ordinance, it would provide support of broadband and potentially set the town up for grants. The model ordinance was issued by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The ordinance certifies that the town is ready for broadband so companies will come and install it. Joe Folsom of the Pierce County Economic Development is working on a partnership to get grants. Other townships have signed the ordinance. WI has a task force for broadband to get

grants. The ordinance is step one. Some communities have gotten grants. Board is on board with getting broadband and will put the ordinance on the agenda for next month.

Ellsworth Ambulance Service: Supervisor Worsing is at the River Falls City Council meeting to discuss joining with Allina. Dave Kidd brought information that contradicts the mileage information that Supervisor Worsing provided at the last meeting. Chairman Taplin stated that part of the reason for looking into joining River Falls is that there is not a medical director.

Director Jessi Willenbring of the Ellsworth Ambulance Service stated that she just received confirmation that Mayo will take Ellsworth on and the service has not been without a medical director. The Chairman questioned why the operating committee chairman doesn't let him know of these things. Jessi stated the email just came today. There is an Ambulance meeting next week and the financial status of the Ellsworth service will be discussed. Jessi stated that the service has not been operating in the red. One year there wasn't a positive fund balance because of capital expenditures that year which included cardiac monitors and a vehicle. If you pull out the capital items there isn't deficit. The service had a positive balance at the end of 2020. Patient reimbursements were up. The Services CPA called the town chair last night to state the books were OK.

Chairman Taplin stated he didn't appreciate an Ellsworth Ambulance Service employee writing a letter to the City of River Falls stating bad things about Chairman Taplin. There is a significant cost difference between Ellsworth and River Falls that needs to be considered.

Jessi discussed where the ambulance calls in Martell occur. There are three central areas: Wiff's Corner, Beldenville, and East of W. A majority of calls are closer to Ellsworth than River Falls. Both services are similar in terms of staff but Ellsworth provides quicker response for most of Martell. The Chair stated he would be interested in looking at further information on the calls. Supervisor Olson stated he is closer to River Falls where the chairman is closest to Ellsworth. The Chair reiterated that nothing decided yet. But, the board needs good information from Ellsworth. The town's goal is to provide the legally required service.

Discuss and Take Action on the IRS 2021 Mileage Rate: 2021 Rate is 56 cents per mile. It is down 1.5 cents from 2020. Olson made a motion to use the IRS rate, Taplin seconded it. Motion carried.

Amending the Dog Ordinance: This will be put on hold until next month as the amendments proposed do not discuss euthanizing a vicious dog. The board was asked about dog licensing. The Treasurer stated that this information is in the tax statements.

Introduce Joe Close: Joe has agreed to become a backup for the Recycling Center. He won't need keys as these can be shared with current employees. Current employees will get him trained in.

Read correspondence: Email from the County Clerk stating there will be a February primary for the state Superintendent of Public Instruction on February 16th. Two uniform address numbers were issued in December. One to Dennis Shaw and a second to Michael Benzschawel.

Email from Brit Harmon of Companion Animal Control. She is willing to submit a proposal for services if we are interested. The Board Chair stated we should have her come in and provide a proposal. Kraemer sent a letter stating that they will be selling the company to Milestone Materials, a division of Mathy Construction. The County Highway Department provided the town with its invoicing dates for 2021.

Date for next meeting: Motion by Olson to hold the next Board meeting on February 9th, 2021. Worsing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open discussion:

Supervisor Worsing had just come from the City of River Falls Council meeting. The Council passed a resolution that they are willing to provide Martell with ambulance service. Conditions include reviewing the costs in two years based on the population density. The Town Chair mentioned that in Supervisor Worsing's absence, an extensive discussion took place at the Town meeting and that the Ellsworth Service does have a medical director and the contract will be discussed at the Ambulance Services meeting next Tuesday. Worsing expressed concern that none of the actions could be accomplished this quick, approvals were needed and the Operating Committee had not yet been informed.

Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Worsing seconded it. Motion carried.

TOWN CAUCUS

The town caucus was called to order.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Taplin, to elect Beth Kidd to chair the caucus. Motion carried.

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

Nomination for Supervisor 1: Sheila Olson nominated John Worsing, second by Brad Taplin. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

Nominations for Supervisor 2: Sheila Olson nominated Dale Olson, seconded by Art Schaller. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

Nominations for Clerk: Kidd called for nominations for clerk. Sara Cardwell was nominated by Brad Taplin. Worsing seconded the nomination. No further nominations. Nominations were closed.

Nominations for Treasurer: Worsing nominated Heather Sitz, seconded by Olson. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed.

With no more business, a motion was made by Sitz, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. The Caucus was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk

Martell Town Board
Agenda
January 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM
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Open meeting

- Approve minutes from December 8, 2020 meeting
- Approve treasurer's report
- Approve payment of bills
- Discuss road work
- Employee's report
- Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues:
 - Furnace and Stove issues at Town Hall
 - Other
- Discuss and approve driveway permits
- Discuss and take action on the zoning issues for the Freeland property at W5366 794th Avenue
- Broadband Discussion – Carissa Kirchner
- Ellsworth Ambulance Service
- Discuss and take action on the IRS 2021 Mileage Rate
- Amending the Dog Ordinance
- Introduce Joe Close
- Read correspondence
- Set date for next meeting
- Open for discussion

- Adjourn meeting

TOWN CAUCUS

- Nomination for Town Chairman
- Nomination for Supervisor 1
- Nominations for Supervisor 2
- Nominations for Clerk
- Nominations for Treasurer

- Adjourn Caucus

NOTICE OF TOWN CAUCUS
TOWN OF MARTELL

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Martell, Pierce County, that a Town Caucus will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at the Town Hall, W5581 800th Avenue, Spring Valley, WI 54767. (The Caucus will be held immediately at the conclusion of the regular Town Board meeting which begins at 7 p.m.) The purpose of the Caucus is to nominate candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the positions of town chair, supervisors, clerk and treasurer.

Sara Cardwell, Clerk