

TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9TH, 2025

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at the town hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Wells at 6:18 p.m. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as Treasurer Simon Wells and Clerk Diane Schwarz. The meeting was properly posted as well as published. The minutes were reviewed for September 11th, 2025. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the report. Motion carried. The minutes were reviewed for the budget planning meeting that was held on September 29th, 2025. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells gave the report of the treasury for the Town of Wells. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bills were reviewed for September- October 2025. Greg Schmitz made a motion to pay the bills. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried

There was public input from Kevin Schmitz as the trustee for the Norwalk Area Fire District. He reported on the quarterly meeting that was held on September 15th, 2025. He reported that Governor Evers attended the meeting and had gained information on the progress of the new fire department building plans. Kevin gave the financial report of the department and noted that there is a new Norwalk Area Fire District Purchase Policy that will be activated. The grant writers have been paid \$8,500 at present and payment will not exceed \$20,000. The payment for the architect, Greg Cashman will be \$44,500.00. The department has agreed on the 2026 budget. There have been 2 fire calls this past quarter, with the landing zone at the ball diamond and a gas leak. The department has purchased a new rescue skid for the Kabota. It will haul people out of the woods, etc. It was purchased at the Wisconsin surplus auction for \$860.00. It was reported that a new one sells for \$4,500.00. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 26th, 2026.

After the resignation of Simon Wells as treasurer was accepted by the board on October 9th, 2025, a replacement has been approved. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to appoint the deputy treasurer, Zachary Hemmersbach to fill the Treasurer of the Town of Wells position. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Zachary Hemmersbach took an oath to serve as Treasurer of the Town of Wells and will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Wisconsin and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office as treasurer to the best of his ability with the help of God according to the s. 19.01(1), Wisconsin Statutes. It is effective October 10th, 2025.

The board will plan on a retirement outing with Simon and his wife at a future date. Kevin Schmitz gave a contribution of \$100 towards the outing on behalf of the Scott Construction Company as their representative. The townspeople and the many boards that worked with Simon are appreciative to Simon for his friendship and to his dedicated service over the years to our community. Congratulations, Simon!!

Updates on roads and equipment was discussed next on the agenda. The patrolman reported that there are 5-6 roads left to be mowed along the roadways before the brushing operations along the roadways will take place. Equipment is in good condition. * Chairman James Wells is still waiting on word of replacing the town hall doors.

The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Upon adjournment of the hearing there will be a Special Meeting of the Electors to vote on the passage of the proposed 2025 budget to be paid in 2026. Immediately upon adjournment of the Special Meeting of the Electors the regular November monthly meeting will take place.

Diane Schwarz – Clerk-Town of Wells

