TOWN OF WELLS
MINUTES FOR JULY 9TH,2026

The Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, July 9th, 2026 at the town hall. The meeting was properly posted as well as published. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Wells at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Greg Schmitz as well as Jeff Schmitz were in attendance as well as Treasurer Zachery Hemmersbach and Clerk Diane Schwarz. There were 7 people in attendance. The minutes for June 11th, 2026 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Zachery gave the report on the treasury. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried. The June-July, 2026 expenses were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to pay the bills and approve the expenses. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no public input.

Kevin Schmitz addressed the board with his report on the Norwalk Area Fire District as the town's trustee for the fire district. He indicated that most of the expenses will be covered already through grants, CDs, contributions during the construction of the building. But there will be unknown expenses that will need to be paid that aren't covered. Ergo Bank officials want to have the approval of each township that is serviced by the Norwalk Area Fire District to support the option for a potential tax levy increase that might occur to support the Norwalk Area Fire Protection District. Greg Schmitz made a motion to support the option for a possible tax levy increase to help the Norwalk Area Fire Protection District to help pay for the project. James Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the fire district as well as the minutes for the meeting.

The updates on the roads and equipment was next for discussion. The new patrolman has been challenged but is accepting his new position well. He is doing well in accomplishing the mowing duties along the town's roads. He has done some patching where needed. He has added gravel to roads needing it. He is updating the maintenance on machinery and equipment. He has done maintenance on the mower, the end loader and grader and on the boom for the mower. He has indicated that there are roads that need ditching. James gave Phillip the list of roads that need attention with grading, gravel and ditching after the spring review of the roads. * He also indicated that with the past heavy rains that it undermined a culvert on Kasota Road. He will place gravel to correct the problem and if we get more heavy rain that it might need to be replaced being that it is not a road that receives much traffic. *Treasurer Zachery Hemmersbach has indicated that the county is requesting the option to be considered on whether to file the property taxes electronically online. If they pay online there will be some fees attached with credit card or debit card use. After some discussion, the board agreed that it will be an option offered to the residents of the property owners as a means to pay their property taxes. Dog licenses will continue to be filed as was this past year. * The LP Gas contract with United Cooperative was presented for renewal if needed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to sign the contract for 1250 gallons for $1.639/gal prepay price. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The August meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. due to conflicts in scheduling.

Greg Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Diane Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells