

TOWN OF WELLS

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 12TH, 2023

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Caucus meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Hemmersbach at the town hall at 6:35 p.m. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as Clerk Diane Schwarz and Treasurer Simon Wells. The meeting was properly posted as well as published.

The minutes were reviewed for December 8th, 2022. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells gave the report as treasurer. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bills were reviewed. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to pay the bills. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In November of 2022, there was a gift of \$1,500.00 donated to the Town of Wells. The board has been trying to determine how it should be spent to benefit the township. There has also been some ceramic tiles gifted to the town if determined by the town board to be beneficial and feasible to install. The old tiles need repair or replacement. The board has been checking into whether it is feasible to install on top of the tiles already on the floor. Leon Country Floors and More had come to check on pricing and installation of tiles. They had stated that their business would not cover over the tiles that might be asbestos. There was a question on whether asbestos is a factor. If asbestos is a factor there must be a testing of the tiles for asbestos which has a charge as well as removal of the tiles which would cost @ \$6,000-\$8,000 on top of the testing fees. The amount of tiles that would be donated would cover @ 300 sq. feet. There is need of another 400 sq. feet to cover the whole floor not including the office area. The board has decided to take the first step to check on the testing of the tiles and removal if necessary and checking with the additional cost of extra tiles that are needed. Any further action will be determined after obtaining that information.

Updates on roads and equipment were discussed with the patrolman. Justin has replaced all lights and wiring of the lights of the snow plows so the trucks are in good condition and ready to use.* The chainsaws have been checked over and repaired where needed and ready to use.* The extinguishers have been repaired or replaced and checked and updated and ready for inspection. * The patrolman inquired about chains for the plow trucks.* The water pipes under the sink in the kitchen of the town hall have to be repaired as there was a leak during the last cold spell when they broke. * The salt and sand spreader has been replaced on the plow truck.

Joey Esterline of Monroe County as District #15 stopped by and updated the board on things to expect in the future concerning the UW-Extension and Land Conservation and possibly hiring another position as a conservation agronomist.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 9th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The board didn't go into a closed session concerning the performance of town employees and compensation as the patrolman was the only one person, Justin Arentz, there beside the board. The full time patrolman is due to have a review in March and decided that he will wait until then for a review. The part time patrolmen need to have an evaluation concerning compensation. After some discussion, Jeff Schmitz made a motion to give the 2 part time patrolmen, Bronson Woodworth and Luke Schmitz a raise to be \$22/hr. Dennis Hemmersbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. Effective 1/12/2023 the wages for Bronson Woodworth and Luke Schmitz will be \$22/hr. Justin Arentz will have an evaluation in March of 2023.

Greg Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Diane Schwarz-Clerk-Town of Wells