

TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at the town hall. The meeting was properly posted and published. Chairman James Wells opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as Treasurer Zachery Hemmersbach and Clerk Diane Schwarz. The minutes were reviewed for January 8th, 2026. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. James Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Zachery Hemmersbach. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The January- February 2026 expenses were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The public input was discussed that Gabriella of the Deerfield Development of the Town of Wells had inquired the chairman of the questions about differing road issues and future development of her property. There were also inquiries about the condition of the portion of Katydid Avenue near the Flaig property and onto the intersection of County U and if it would be eligible for the ARIP program. It will be investigated.

The position of Deputy treasurer was discussed. There were two people that had been asked. One of the people has opted out as she thought it might be considered a conflict of interest. Amanda Schmitz of Sparta has been asked to fill the position and has accepted the offer. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve Amanda Schmitz as Deputy Treasurer. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The names that will be on the signature card will be James Wells, Zachery Hemmersbach, Diane Schwarz and Sara Cook as Deputy Clerk and Amanda Schmitz as Deputy Treasurer. Former Treasurer, Simon Wells will no longer have his name on the listing. The clerk will send the minutes of the meeting to the President of River Bank of Sparta and all involved will have to resign the signature cards for the Town of Wells.

There is a Monroe County WTA meeting on February 19th, 2026, at the American Legion in Sparta. There is a possibility that one will attend the meeting.

The list of election inspectors for future elections for this two-year term was presented to the board for approval. On the list included: Rose Ann Wells, Theresa Shea, Laura Brueggen, Diane Simonson, Ann Nolan Smith, Hillary Hoban, Jeanette Russell, Kathryn Schmitz, Leatta Danielson, Marian Moore, Mary Fitzwater, Judy Meyer and Carol Schmitz. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the list of election inspectors. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on whether to replace or update the International Plow Truck as it is over 20 years old and the town has been putting a lot of money into it as of late. There was discussion on whether to buy a one or more ton pickup 4-wheel drive truck with duals with a V-Plow and salt/sander and trade off the Ford Truck. Research will take place by the board. The possibility of obtaining a grant will be researched before purchase of a vehicle that will suit the needs of the township.

Updates on roads and equipment were discussed next on the agenda. It was reported that we have the second phase of the Keyway Avenue Project that will be due this summer after applying a second coating of sealcoat. This will cost over \$14, 000.00 upon completion. * Discussion was that the weight limit signs might be put out early in March depending on the weather. The Town of Wells will follow the County's advice.

Kevin Schmitz gave a report for the Norwalk Area Fire Protection District as trustee for the department. He indicated that what had started as an estimate of \$1.2 million project has turned into a \$1.6 million project due to some unforeseen expenses not included in the original estimate. The bid opening will take place on the week of the 15th, of February. He also indicated that there will

be an appreciation meal for township board members involved in the Norwalk Area Fire District on February 28th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

There is a WTA district board meeting on March 6th, 2026, for Board of Review members and training at the Stoney Creek Inn of Onalaska, WI. There is a possibility of 2 attending the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Greg Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Diane Schwarz-Clerk-Town of Wells