

TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR MARCH 14TH, 2024

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at the town hall. The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Jeff Schmitz at 6:05 p.m. Supervisor Greg Schmitz and Clerk Diane Schwarz, Treasurer Simon Wells were present. There were 8 people present for the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and published. The minutes for February 6th, 2024 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells gave the treasurer's report. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The expenses for February-March 2024 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to pay the bills. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to the passing of the former chairman Dennis Hemmersbach, there was a vacancy of that position that needed to be filled at least until the next election in April of 2025. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to appoint J. Wells as the next appointed chairman of the board for the Town of Wells. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. J accepted the position. We welcome J. as our new chairman for our township and look forward to working as a team with him.

Rural Mutual Insurance representative, Lynn Luckasson addressed the board. We reviewed the insurance policy for the township and updated the policy to reflect the changes needed for adequate coverage. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the updated policy. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was a sum of money that had been gifted to the town from a generous resident of the town. It will be used to benefit the township. After some discussion on suggestions on how to benefit the town, there was a motion to purchase an AED, or an Automated External Defibrillator to be stored at the town hall. It was felt that it could be beneficial to anyone gathering at the town hall during elections or meetings, etc. The board will check into making the purchase in the future.

The need for gravel bids was discussed. It was decided that the board will talk with contacts of Gerke Excavating and Milestone Materials to obtain their quotes for gravel from the surrounding quarries of the area. Greg Schmitz made a motion to get quotes from Gerke and Milestone Materials for the upcoming season. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Agricultural Road Improvement Program which is a grant program created to support the improvement of deteriorating agricultural/timber roads that is offered across the state. There are two periods of awarding grants during the year. After some discussion, the board decided to talk with an engineer and pursue the qualifications and requirements to apply for the second granting period.

The updates on roads and equipment were discussed. The grader required that the hoses needed to be replaced or repaired on the cooler part of the grader. * Jestin said that he is waiting for cold mix to be delivered to repair some potholes on the town roads. * A road trip is planned to check out the town roads that will be maintained during the 2024 season. The trip is scheduled for Monday, April 1st, 2024. * Doug Schwarz, President of the Village of Melvina addressed the town board and asked if the town would hire out its' services to have some gravel for shouldering brought along the road by the ball- park and then shaping it along the road. The board agreed that it could be arranged.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Schmitz made a motion to go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. according to Sec. 19.84(2). The meeting was closed to consider employee compensation and performance according to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c).

The meeting reconvened into open session according to Sec. 19.85(2). at 7:25 p.m. The board was present. Greg Schmitz made a motion to increase compensation to Jestin as full-time patrolman, making \$25/hr. wage with an increase of paid holidays to include Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day and 1- week paid vacation. Time and 1/2 wage will be paid if circumstances arise that he would have to work on any of the designated holidays as paid time off. He will be paid \$30/month cell phone reimbursement and a 3-hour minimum payment in case of an emergency that would require road care. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Diane E. Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells