

## **TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the town hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Hemmersbach at 6:35p.m. The meeting was properly posted and published. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as Treasurer Simon Wells and Clerk Diane Schwarz. The minutes were reviewed for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells gave a treasurer's report. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report as read. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The expenses for August-September 2023 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to pay the bills. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jestin inquired about obtaining a credit card or debit card for the Town of Wells. It will be checked into.

There is a District budget meeting for the WTA to be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dennis and Diane and possibly Jestin plan on going to the meeting. Money has been sent for 3 to attend the meeting. The Large Item Garbage Collection weekend is scheduled for Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The patrolman Jestin Hemmersbach and recycling and waste manager Don Schwarz will man the weekend collections.

Norwalk Area Fire Protection District will be building a new fire department station. The surrounding townships including the Town of Wells will be assisting the fire department financially. The fire department is requesting approval from the Town of Wells to go ahead with the project. Questions were raised on whether there should be a new fire trustee designated for the Town of Wells to keep updated on future events with the department. Dennis will check with the present fire trustee, Ron Ziegler to see if he is willing to continue with this appointment or if another person would be appointed.

Dr. Gabriella Philippe has requested minutes from the August meeting confirming the conversation that took place via telephone. The patrolman noted that there is some damage done to Jargon Avenue as the result of the logging trucks coming onto the road. There was discussion on who should be responsible for the repair that will be needed. A letter will be sent to Dr. Philippi to explain the damage that has taken place on the road and that the Town of Wells can legally charge the property owner or the logging company for damages that have been done to the road.

Updates on roads and equipment were discussed. The patrolman will be replacing gravel on some town roads and then grading them. Luke Schmitz will help when needed to accomplish this task. \* Jestin has washed all the vehicles and checked them over. \* He plans on trying to install the guard rails in front of the town hall. \* Jestin has noted that he can rent a chipper from Monroe County for \$35/hr. if available. He also indicated that he has a friend that has access to a chipper to rent out at \$25/hr. The board okayed this arrangement if it works out. \* The mowing operations have been completed for the first round and the second mowing will take place after the fields have been harvested, to be able to cut back the grass and brush. He will coordinate with Luke Schmitz for assistance for any brushing or tree trimming to be done. \* Jestin inquired about obtaining a different trailer that would be better suited to transport the skid steer and roller if needed. He will check into possibilities.

The next monthly board meeting will take place on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a budget planning meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10 a.m. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Diane Schwarz  
Clerk-Town of Wells

