

## **TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting became an emergency meeting called to order by Supervisor Greg Schmitz at 6:05 p.m. The meeting had originally been scheduled for Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Circumstances arose that raised concerns about whether there would be a quorum for that meeting originally scheduled on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February. The chairman was hospitalized and it was uncertain that he would be present for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February and one of the supervisors would be out of the state for a month beginning on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. After alerting the supervisor of the situation, it was decided that a special emergency meeting would be arranged for the 6<sup>th</sup>, of February at 6:00 p.m. The emergency meeting was posted but not published for the 6<sup>th</sup>, of February. Supervisor Jeff Schmitz and Clerk Diane Schwarz and Treasurer Simon Wells were also present as well as the patrolman.

The minutes were reviewed for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells gave the treasurer's report. He also reported that there was a gift given to the town from a generous resident to use for the town's benefit of \$1,100.00. We will put the matter on the next month's agenda to research how best to benefit the town. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The expenses for January-February 2024 were reviewed. Jeff Schmitz made motion approve and to pay the bills. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The county has notified us that they put up weight restriction signs on the county roads. The patrolman will put up the weight limit signs for the town's roads.

Next on the agenda was to appoint a signature alternate to be able to sign the town's checks in case of the possibility of one of the three appointed persons that need to sign each check from the Town of Wells would become disabled. The board was facing a difficult situation as the chairman was hospitalized and uncertain of his ability to return to duty as chairman. After talking with the WTA lawyer, counsel was to follow the Wisconsin State Statute 60:30 (5) which states "If any elected town officer, other than a town board supervisor, is absent or temporarily incapacitated from any cause, the town board may appoint a suitable officer to discharge the duties of the office until the officer returns or the disability is removed. Upon this situation, supervisor Greg Schmitz made a motion to appoint Supervisor Jeff Schmitz as the alternate to temporarily fill in for the chairman and his duties when and if necessary, including signing the checks. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. This decision will be effective immediately.

The district WTA meeting for the Board of Review training will be held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Stoney Creek Inn of Onalaska. There will be two attending the meeting.

The updates on roads and equipment were discussed with the patrolman. Jestin reported that the equipment is working good and the roads are in pretty good condition. He is going to start trimming the trees and brush along the town roads. He will obtain a chipper if possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Diane E. Schwarz  
Clerk- Town of Wells