

TOWN OF WELLS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 14TH, 2026

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting immediately following the First Meeting of the Board of Review adjournment. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Wells at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was properly posted and published. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as Clerk Diane Schwarz. Treasurer Zachery Hemmersbach was absent. The minutes were reviewed for April 9th, 2026. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The April-May 2026 expenses were audited. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. James Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no public input. The appointment of members of the Board of Review for 2026 was next on the agenda. Greg Schmitz made a motion to appoint the alternate board members James Wells, Greg Schmitz, Jeff Schmitz, Diane Schwarz and Zachery Hemmersbach for the positions on the board of review. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. An ordinance was signed effective April of 2026 for members for the Board of Review until a replacement takes place of present board members of the Town of Wells.

The discussion of the Road Maintenance for 2026 took place by the board. The completion of the second portion of the 2025 road maintenance project will take place on Keyway Avenue this summer. Kevin Schmitz indicated that there won't be a need to complete the total length of the project with the second coat as proposed in 2025. He proposed to just complete 1900' instead of the original 2,400' of Keyway Avenue for \$11,315.00 for a savings of \$2,178.00. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to complete the second coat of 1900' of single seal hard surface at a cost of \$11,315.00. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. After review of the town's roads, the board discussed other roads needing maintenance. The portion of 3,880' of Jancing Avenue would include crack fill in the large cracks before chip sealing for \$6,620.00 and a single seal hard surface = \$19,428.00 for a total of \$26,048. Javelin Road North-from Jancing Avenue going north to Hwy 71 for 3,691 feet- includes crack filling large cracks before chip sealing for a cost of \$10,942.00, single hard surface - \$18,870.00. Total cost = \$29,812.00. The portion of Javelin Road South-from Jancing Avenue South to Hwy 71 for 4,600' would include crack filling before chip sealing for \$4,621.00 and single seal hard surface for @ \$22,518.00 for a total of \$27,139.00. The portion of Janus Avenue over the culvert for @ 100' with a second single seal hard surface for the amount of \$852.00. Scott Construction representative, Kevin Schmitz proposed that if the town would have the roads done all at once that there would be a savings of \$7,981.00. The total cost of all the roads completed will be \$95,166.00. After discussion on the proposed projects, Jeff Schmitz made a motion to have all the roads completed at the same time to take advantage of the savings offered. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Updates on roads and equipment indicated that there are culverts that need to be replaced by Jaybee Avenue. Also, there will be ditches along the town roads that will have to be ditched out. The board will check with Travis Brooks of Brooks Excavating to complete the task. The board discussed that there will be a need to have a maintenance check on the tractor and trucks. The board will check into possible interested parties to complete the tasks.

Erv's Sparta Area Fire District trustee, Beth Wells has completed her 3-year term on a contract that will need to be updated. Greg Schmitz made a motion to appoint Beth Wells for a 3-

year term as the trustee representing the Town of Wells. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Norwalk Area Fire Protection District trustee, Kevin Schmitz has given the updates on the Fire District of Norwalk. He indicated that ground-breaking for the new fire station will take place on Monday, May 18th, 2026 and starting date before July 1st, 2026. The scheduled 100% completion date is scheduled for March 1st, 2027. He also indicated that there was discussion on whether to have the department's by-laws to allow the fire district the right to borrow money. He indicated that some air packs that will need to be replaced to meet state requirements for a cost of \$20,000-\$40,000. Also, an air compressor has gone bad and the tires on all trucks are outdated after 7 years and new turnout gear are to be replaced every 10 years according to state regulations. There have been some donations for the project but there is need for more money. He did report that 4 new firefighters have been added to a crew with a total of 22 firefighters.

The board discussed the qualifications that are needed for employment as patrolmen, part-time patrolmen as well as compensation and experience that is considered for employment. There was also discussion on the present employees or board members completing patrolman tasks as they arise without a full-time patrolman. Greg Schmitz made a motion to set the rate of \$22/hr. for work completed as board members as they complete a part-time patrolman job. James Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried. James Wells also made a motion to raise the wage of waste and recycling manager to \$20/hr. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Monroe County Towns Association Meeting will be held on Thursday May 21st, 2026 at the American Legion in Sparta. There will be 2 board members attending the meeting.

The Monroe County Zoning Department has proposed increases in fees for differing licenses. The board discussed the proposals. James Wells made a motion to approve the fee changes. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 2026 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 7:59 p.m.

Diane Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells