

TOWN OF WELLS MINUTES FOR APRIL 11TH, 2024

The board for the Town of Wells held their monthly board meeting on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at the town hall. The meeting was called to order by temporary Chairman Jeff Schmitz at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was properly posted and published. The Supervisor Greg Schmitz and Clerk Diane Schwarz as well as the Treasurer Simon Wells.

During the March board meeting there was a motion to appoint James M. Wells as the new chairman on the board due to the vacancy left after the passing of the former Chairman Dennis Hemmersbach. The motion was seconded and approved. James (J) Wells agreed to the appointment. Jeff Schmitz transferred his authority to James Wells as James swore an oath to all attending and under God that he would support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Wisconsin and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties as chairman of the board of the Town of Wells to the best of his ability. Welcome aboard James (J.) Jeff Schmitz has now been returned to his former position of the board as supervisor #1.

The minutes were reviewed for the March 14th, 2024 meeting. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Simon Wells presented the treasurer's report. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the report. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The expenses for March and April of 2024 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, with the exception of the Monroe County Highway Department until further information is obtained about their bill. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Al Thurston addressed the board as he has applied for a C.U.P for a small business. The board has not received any notification as of yet, so Al Thurston just explained what his intentions were for the C.U.P. application. He has applied for a seller's permit. He wanted to know if it was feasible to have a shop to sell his wares. The matter will be discussed in full after the board receives notification and will probably be on the agenda for the May meeting. He also indicated that he would be willing to help Patrolman Jestin Hemmersbach with tree trimming if needed.

Next on the agenda was the roads to be maintained in the summer of 2024. The list includes Lake Road -from Highway 27 to the dead end- single seal hard surface 8,344' = \$41,730.00, Lambeth Road -from Lake Road to the dead end – single seal hard surface -950' = \$3,320.00, Janus Avenue from Highway 71 going west to the Angelo line -single seal hard surface-4,053' = \$20,342.00, Jason Avenue from Jancing Avenue to the dead end- single seal hard surface – 2,588' = \$12,990.00. The total of all the roads listed above = \$78,382.00. After some discussion, Jeff Schmitz made a motion to include all the above- mentioned roads including the 50' on both sides of the culvert on Janus Road for the total of \$78,382.00 in the road maintenance project for the Town of Wells in 2024. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The gravel bids were considered next on the agenda. The Town of Wells received gravel bids from Gerke Excavating and Milestone Materials. After reviewing the gravel bids from both bidders, Jeff Schmitz made a motion to go with the Gerke bids on gravel and rock prices. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was agreed that the gravel will be taken from the nearest quarry on the roads needing the rock.

Updates on roads and equipment were discussed. Jestin Hemmersbach indicated that the cooler on the grader needs to be replaced. He said that it is outdated and unfixable. He has researched the internet and has found a new one in Oregon. It would cost \$1,622.00 plus \$200.00 shipping fees. Greg Schmitz made a motion to order the new radiator for \$1,622,00 plus shipping costs. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.* Jestin indicated that the muffler is rusted

through on the Ford Truck. He said that he can weld and repair the muffler. *Greg Schmitz has contacted the engineer named Svet for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program. The portion of Katydid Avenue might be eligible for the grant. There will be more research done on the project.* It has been decided that the monies that were gifted to the Town of Wells will be used to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for use in the town hall or shop. The board feels that it would be beneficial to all in the public that might become in need during an election or town meeting or whenever there is an event where the doors of the town hall or shop are open. A thank you card will be sent to the generous contributor to express appreciation on behalf of the township.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m at the town hall. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Diane Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells