

**TOWN OF WELLS
BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES
JUNE 12TH, 2024**

The Board for the Town of Wells held their annual Board of Review on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 at the town hall. The meeting was properly published as well as posted. The Chairman of the board of review was James Wells. He called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Jeff Schmitz, Greg Schmitz and Clerk Diane Schwarz were present. Simon Wells was designated as the alternate. The assessor Homefield Assessing, Inc. represented by Neil Betts was present at the meeting. Neil noted that there were 2 persons that had attended the open book session on June 5th, 2024. The clerk noted that there was nobody that had filed an objection of assessment. The board had reviewed the assessment book. Neil Betts filed a sworn statement that the assessment book was accurately and fairly reported. He also reported on the changes in the personal property taxes of Act 12 that will be now obsolete after this year.

At 7:00 p.m. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**TOWN OF WELLS
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12TH, 2024**

The board of the Town of Wells held their regular monthly board meeting immediately upon completion of the Board of Review. The meeting was properly posted and published. Supervisors Greg Schmitz and Jeff Schmitz were present as well as the Treasurer Simon Wells and Clerk Diane Schwarz. The Chairman James Wells called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes were reviewed for May 9th, 2024. 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 May-June 2024 were reviewed. Greg Schmitz made a motion to approve the payment of the expenses. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Ned Gatzke addressed the board on the issue of mowing the grass in front of their property. He indicated that there are wild prairie grasses that they had planted that were now growing along his property. He requested that there would only be one pass of the mower or 10' along the ditch line along his property. After some discussion the board approved the request unless an issue of overgrowth would become an issue.

The fencing issue of the Kaiser-Hyatt-Kowitz boundary lines was brought to the attention of the board. A letter had been sent to each property owner along the property line issue after a meeting in May in which Steve Kaiser had addressed the board and asked if the board would help to settle the issue of the upkeep of the fencelines. Jim Hyatt and family and the Kowitz family were present at the meeting. Steve Kaiser was not present at the meeting. The Hyatt family claims that they do not own the property along the Steve Kaiser property line. After some discussion the board will do some research of the property lines and make an informed decision on any action to be taken.

The renewal of the liquor license for the Alchemy Brewing Company, LLC. was discussed. There had been no objections brought to the board objecting to the renewal of the license prior to

the meeting concerning the bar-restaurant by neighbors or anyone else. There was some discussion about possibly raising the fees for next years' renewal but will be decided at the May 2025 meeting. Jeff Schmitz made a motion to approve the liquor license. Greg Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Updates on roads and equipment were discussed. Patrolman Jestin Hemmersbach reported that the sealcoating of Lake Road, Lambeth Road, Jason Avenue and Janus Avenue were completed or soon to be completed.* The 2009 Ford truck had a major breakdown. Jestin had taken it to the Sparta Diesel and Auto Repair for an estimate to repair it. He reported that it would take \$5,000-\$7,000 to repair the truck. After some discussion, Greg Schmitz made a motion to repair the truck. Jeff Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. *Jestin Hemmersbach brought to the board a proposal to save time and money on the mowing of the grass along the town's roads. He proposed purchasing a triple boom to use on the mower tractor instead of the mower that is presently used by the town. Costs range from \$9,900-\$13,000.00 for a triple boom. There was no action taken on the proposal.* It was reported that new culverts will have to be purchased before working on Keyway Avenue. This will be checked out by the board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11th, 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 8:25 p.m.

Diane Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells