

## Town of Cary Board Monthly Meeting August 13, 2019 approved

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Cary Board was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Cary Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Patrick after the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Chairman Jim Patrick, Supervisors Dennis Brunner and Dale Zawislan, Treasurer Barb Schmidt, Clerk Patricia Lippert, Tim Eckert grader man & 4 taxpayers. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes, Dale seconded, motion passed. Dale made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Dennis seconded, motion passed.

**Public Input:** A taxpayer thought Jan Patrick should get paid for working with the treasurer and clerk setting up an Excel spreadsheet for the clerk and treasurer to record the town income and expenses. Using these will provide a clearer way to understand the income and expenses of the Town. Jan declined, saying she considers this community service and volunteer work. Dennis made a motion to thank Jan for the work she is doing, Dale seconded, motion passed.

A taxpayer thanked the board for the good work the board is doing. He said he heard the Town is thinking of getting a trailer to haul the tractor loader back hoe. He stated his pros and cons on getting one. He thought that hiring a helper for the man to do his work would be better.

**Board of Review** Board of Review was held August 12, 2019. Assessor will do an in-depth review of properties for 2020.

**Final payment** was made on the used Case 580 Super M purchased from Miller-Bradford & Riesberg, Inc. July 23, 2019 the Cruz Air was delivered to the purchaser. All accessories and parts were included in the purchase.

**Storms of July and August, 2019** Over 112 trees fell onto our roads and into road right-of-ways. Our soils are saturated and the holding power of our tree roots is compromised. August 12, 2019 an application prepared by Jim Patrick and Tim Ecker was filed with Wood County Emergency Government containing a written report and pictures. If FEMA declares Wood County a disaster area, there may be some funds available for reimbursement of costs for the cleanup. Most of the roads are cleaned of debris.

**LP Contract** No action was taken. It was decided when the township needed LP, the board would check prices.

**SouthWest Recycling Board Meeting** Amanda Merritt was appointed new clerk. Next meeting will be September 11, 2019.

**Prices** were checked for mowing the road-side grasses or renting a tractor mower. At this time there is no advantage to changing vendors.

**Laser Level** A discussion was held about buying a new or used one. Jeff Ignatowski said he had 2 of them and could sell one to the town.

**Handicap ramp** Board would like stones put beneath the eaves on the east and west side of the hall, and install stairs for rear exit from the town hall when the ramp is rebuilt.

Tim thought by October most road work should be done and he would have time to complete the projects. East side of the town hall needs to be pressure washed.

Chairman read a letter in regard to animal fencing from Jon Minnecl from the Office of Rep. Bob Kulp. Farm animals may not “run at large”.

Loader backhoe was used in tree cleanup. Using the machine saved time vs. man hours, in addition, it is safer for anyone working on cleanup. There was glass breakage on the back-hoe, which is covered by insurance. Tim did work on some minor hydraulic leaks, and replaced the stop bumper MB delivered (they missed installing).

½ mile of Turner Rd, ¾ mile of Yetter Rd, and 1 mile of Johnson Rd have received 2 inch lift of crushed decomposed granite to meld with the crushed gravel applied last year. The combination of materials is expected to be better than either applied alone. The gravel should protect the decomposed granite and the granite is expected to help keep the gravel in place on the roadbed.

Lindsey and Amelia have received 2 inch lift of ½ inch crushed rock, decomposed granite is scheduled for later this week. North end of Lindsey Rd will receive decomposed granite this week.

**New Business:** Resolution 004-2019 was signed. It states that the board, with a quorum present, will increase the transportation budget by \$41,199 to cover purchase of the pre-owned Case loader, backhoe, and filters. The funds for this purchase are in the equipment fund at Pioneer Bank.

### **Notice of change when dealing with removing landowner’s trees or brush from road ditch.**

State Statute 86.03 Trees on and Adjacent to Highway. (1) Removal of fallen trees. If any tree falls from adjacent land into any highway, the owner or occupant of the land shall immediately remove the tree from the highway . . . (2) Ownership. All trees on land over which any highway is laid out shall be for the use of the owner of the land or person otherwise entitled thereto . . .

The town maintenance crew will clear the roads to enable safe passage of traffic. The town clerk will be instructed to notify the landowner of downed trees citing S.S. 86.03 and give notice to the landowner. The landowner will then have 30 days to remove the trees from the highway right-of-way. If the trees are not removed by 30 days from date of notice, the town will remove the trees and charge the landowner for the actual cost of removal.

All wood from the removal of said tree or trees is the property of the landowner and will be placed on their property.

**Tax Collection** After discussion, Dale made a motion, Dennis seconded, motion passed. Beginning with the taxes to be paid in the next tax collecting year, (2019-2020) all taxes will be paid by mail using money order, personal or cashiers check. Instructions will be included with the tax statement mailing.

The state has increased the funding for road aid. We will also have to increase our contribution in order to get full funding from the state. (State provides 85 percent, the town provides 15 percent). 2018-19 the per mile rate was \$2810.59 We have 33.64 miles of road, our highway budget should have been \$94548.25. In 2019-20 the rate will be \$3091.76 Our 33.64 miles budget should be \$104,006.8 In 2018 we spent about \$77,000. We must increase our road budget. If the town valuation does not increase in proportion to allow us to fund the increase in required spending it will be necessary to raise taxes. The budget process in October will determine what the board will ask the voters to approve.

It was decided to do a fall road inspection so the board can appropriately budget funds needed for the transportation budget the following year. They will still do a spring road inspection. The board is in the process of preparing a 5 year plan for road work.

Treasurer will go to the Fall Town and Village Workshop in September. The clerk and deputy clerk will attend the WTA Convention on Tuesday morning October 15<sup>th</sup> for Election Training. The Board also discussed attending the WTA Convention. No decision was made.

A letter was sent to a resident about inappropriate driving of ATVs on Amelia Road. We suggested they review the Wisconsin State ATV regulations and stop disturbing the road base. The ruts left by this activity may result in injury to someone else using the road. S.S. 86.02 covers injury to highway. Treble damages will be awarded to the town if it becomes necessary to press charges and the charged party or parties are found guilty.

Dennis made a motion to pay bills, Dale seconded. Check number 9260 to 9280 were written out for the amount of \$19,108.07.

The next meeting will be September 10, 2019.

Dale made a motion to adjourn, Dennis seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45. Patricia Lippert Clerk

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