

## **TOWN OF MARSHFIELD ANNUAL MEETING**

April 15, 2025

7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Marshfield was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson John Bord. Other Town officials present were: Supervisors--Ken Kraus and Joe Rappl, Treasurer Cathy Seibel and Clerk Marlene J. Sippel. Six members of the public were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report were distributed and reviewed. There was a question about the income under intergovernmental charge for services-snowplowing/grading. The Town does work for the Town of Greenbush, Town of Russell, Our Lady of the Holyland and the Village of St. Cloud. Motion Mike Schmitz/Wayne Mueller to accept the annual report as presented. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were handed out. Motion Jim Schaefer/Tom Steffen to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

John Bord reminded those in attendance that any votes taken tonight are advisory.

The electors were briefed on the ongoing or completed projects:

### **Town Roads:**

- Intersection of Hickory & Holly Road—Halbach Excavating tore out the Y turn and created a T intersection to improve visibility and safety. New pipes were installed to improve drainage. On the north end of Holly Road—The road was raised approximately 18” and it is now flatter at the intersection. Then it was followed up with spot wedging and seal coating.
- River Lane—East of County Rd G to where the Town meets the Village of St Cloud; it was full wedged and seal coated.
- Culvert on Seven Hills Road

### **Equipment:**

- The Oshkosh, Western Star, Kenworth and John Deere tractor--only did required preventive maintenance work
- Ditch mower: Broke off at the mounting point with the three point tractor hitch point. Mower was shipped back to the factory in South Dakota for repairs at their expense. They are currently working on the break away return stop mechanism.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Under the supervision of Mike, Kurt and Jared, the recycling center is running smoothly. There is a concern with unsecured trash on its way to the recycling center as sometimes it does not make its way there, causing littering along the way. Please try to minimize this issue. Thank you for your assistance in this.
- Roadside mowing completed two rounds. The third round was cut short due to the issues above.
- A boom mower was rented along with an operator. A lot of trimming and brush maintenance work was completed.
- Road name signs and fire numbers were replaced as needed.
- Nine Arch Bridge: Railings were cleaned up and painted.
- Noxious weed ordinance is in place. If there are any complaints, forms are available online.
- Drop box in the vestibule on the east side of the entrance has been working well for taxes and other paperwork. Absentee ballots are now allowed to be put in the drop box. The Village of Mt. Calvary and the Ambulance Service/Fire Dept. also have their own drop boxes installed in the main vestibule.
- The Comprehensive Plan was completed. The zoning ordinance was updated and Farmland Preservation recertification was completed.
- Short Term Rental Ordinance is now in effect.

#### **UPCOMING YEAR – 2025**

- Road work to be considered
  - Town Hall Road: Town received LRIP Grant of \$35,000. Road will be Graded & Shaped, and Paved. A bid of \$131,020 from Northeast Asphalt to do the work was accepted.
  - Palm Tree Road: Crack fill then Wedge & Seal Coat. Thunder Road will be doing the crackfilling.
  - Walnut Road: Applied for grant monies in the amount of \$1,780,000 -- Agricultural Road Improvement Plan (ARIP). We were awarded \$1,561,000 (87.7%). The Town's portion will be \$218,940 for Walnut Road. Excel Engineering will be doing the engineering work. This work is tentatively being planned for 2026 as the County is planning to work on the Red Bridge in 2027.  
There was a question about a building which is the right of way. One condition of the grant was after the road is completed it will no longer be posted.
- Storage Containers were added to Section 4.8 in the Zoning Ordinance  
There were numerous questions on the ordinance. A copy of the ordinance was handed out to the interested party.
- Marc Pasineau was hired as Zoning Administrator
- Wayne Mueller completed his last term. The audience thanked him for his service. Joe Rappl was elected to replace him.
- Road name signs, posts and traffic signs were ordered for this year.

- Looking at maintenance for the town/village hall. Building is owned by the Village and Town. The building is 24 years old. Currently it needs two new furnaces. Also, it will need a roof in the future. The parking lot needs to be paved and drainage work and curb needs to be done on the west side of the building
- Future capital outlay for the Town to be considered – a) Snowplow truck, b) Work on the Town Garage (Roof, Doors, Insulation, Insufficient space)
- Open Book is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon. (Assessor is available by phone, email or in person, by appointment only) and Board of Review, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m.

Next year's annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026

John announced that he is planning to step down after the 2025-2027 term

Comments:

- There was a concern brought up of replacing the current snowplow. Currently there is no plan in place to replace it. This is something that should be considered in the future due to the fact that there have been significant costs incurred on the snowplow and if those additional maintenance costs continue, the Town could have more invested in it, than if a new one was purchased.
- Ken Kraus mentioned a new ambulance should come the end of June 2025 at a cost of \$373,000. Ken would like to thank Jenny Wagner for her help in acquiring grant monies for the Ambulance Service and the support that has been received from the communities.

There being no other questions or comments from the public, a motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Mueller/Noah Baker. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Marlene J. Sippel