

TOWN OF MARTELL
April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes AMENDED
W5581 800th Avenue
Spring Valley, WI 54767

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Brad Taplin. Supervisor #1 John Worsing, Supervisor #2 Dale Brathol, Clerks Dale Olson & Robin Boles, Treasurer Heather Sitz and employee Bob Ortner were also present. Planning Commission members and town residents were in attendance.

Approve March 18th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion by Worsing to approve minutes from March 18th meeting, 2nd by Brathol, all in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: The board accepted the treasurer's report with March disbursements of **\$32,447.85** and receipts of **\$2,578**. Total ending balance for all accounts as of March 31, 2025, was **\$214,121.34**. As of 4/8 an add'l **\$58,401.85**. (1st Q transportation aid rec'd)

Payment of bills: Motion by Worsing to pay the bills, 2nd by Brathol. All in favor. Motion carries.

Road Work: Bob's been patching; it's holding up pretty good so far, better than last year. He'll take road weight restrictions down next week. Culvert on 643rd needs to be replaced. The Board needs to look at it, and we'll have the county put it in. Waiting for an answer about whether the cost of the culvert is included in the job. DOT(?) Job trailer will arrive on the 20th.

Employee's report: In March, Bob had 36 hours of plowing & sanding, 56 hours road maintenance, 8 hours burning & brush work, 8 hours tree cutting and 60 hours shop work. Total = 168

Discuss and Approve Driveway permits: None to discuss

Discuss Maintenance and Repair Issues: None to discuss. Road Tour to be addressed under open discussion.

Discuss and take action on box culvert for 870th Ave: Brad could not get a firm price, but it will be in the ballpark of the \$132,600 bid from last year. Motion by Worsing to replace the culvert, 2nd by Brathol, all in favor, motion carries.

Discuss and take action on the lawn maintenance contract: Slight price increase. No concerns. Motion by Worsing to sign the contract, 2nd by Brathol, all in favor, motion carries.

Discuss and take action on All Croix Inspections contract; Most of it remains the same except for a few price increases, nothing over 3%. Always gone with a 2-year contract. Flow of funds: All Croix collects on our behalf then bills the township. New house: 1% total cost. Township gets 10%; All Croix 90%. Motion by Worsing to approve and sign, 2nd by Brathol, all in favor, motion carries.

Discuss and Take Action on Town Planning Agency Resolution: Worsing recommends the attorney draft a new resolution. No official action was taken.

Discuss and Take Action on Resolution granting authority for disposition of Martell Schoolhouse to be presented at the Annual Meeting: No issues or changes. It is ready to go. Will go up for vote of the town members at the annual meeting.

All-Croix Permit & Inspection Report and Pierce Co. Land Use Permits: No permits or inspections were conducted in March

Read correspondence: Pierce Pepin Annual Notice & Ballot, vote submitted by Dale Olson, Chippewa Valley Energy Propane Safety Information

Set date for May meeting: Motion by Brathol to meet on May 13th, 2nd by Worsing, all in favor, motion carries.

Open Discussion: Road Tour: Wait to schedule with new board. Loberg fees = \$365/hr. Would come out of general funds/legal fees. New Board members to be sworn in at the annual meeting on April 15th. All Croix: Updating code ordinance, provided a copy of proposed changes, and asked to arrange a time to discuss.

Adjourn: Motion by Worsing to adjourn, 2nd by Brathol. All in favor, Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted: Robin Boles, Clerk