

Martell Town Board Information Gathering Meeting Minutes

June 4th, 2025 at 4:30 PM

**outside the Gilman Town Hall located at
W3616 770th Ave, Spring Valley, WI**

Board Members Present: Ky Kaminski, Beth Kidd, Dale Brathol, Robin Boles and Town Assessor Mark Garlick

Gilman Town Hall was locked and unavailable for our use, so members of the Town Board met with Mark Garlick outside the Gilman Town Hall.

Meeting started at approximately 4:40

Town Assessor Mark Garlick shared a packet with the following information:

- A breakdown of the property classes and their base values for the Town of Martell since 2018, showing our declining ratio.
 - There have been some changes/adjustments to how land is valued, in particular, Ag use and Managed Forest Land
- A Real Estate Assessment Roll Report showing the total property values in Martell, and indicating the approximate adjustments that will need to happen to bring Martell in line with the current market conditions. < 37%
 - Mill Rate 2024 = 0.020 mills
 - 2024 Budget \$2,323,864
 - Mill Rate 2025 = 0.013 mills
 - Mill rate adjustment of 7 points as long as the budget stays the same
- Essentially we are completing and restarting the valuation cycle
- Martell has not had a reval since 2007 longer than any other town in Pierce County
- Mark confirmed that the equalization value that we are facing is unusual
- Mark suggests all questions go through him. His number is 715-577-9114

Timeline:

- On June 10th the Town Board will convene the Board of Review and adjourn it until November
- Mark will visit all properties in July and August to gather the information for the revaluation process.
- He will set the values in September and send out letters giving residents notice of the new valuation of their property, the current mill rate and what the mill rate could adjust to and 45 days notice for Open Book/Board of Review
- Open book will occur in November
- Board of Review will reconvene in November 7 days after the Open Book

Meeting ended at 5:30