

TOWN OF SHERMAN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2018

Chairman Daniel J. Fedderly called the October 18, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. at the Sherman Town Hall and noted the meeting had been properly published and noticed.

Chairman Daniel J. Fedderly, Board Members Dan Debee, Kelley Krause, Paul Wathke, Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Score, and Patrolman Terry Ford were present. Charles Maves was excused, and arrived late.

Chairman Fedderly asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the September 11, 2018 monthly meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Dan and 2nd by Kelley, Motion carried.

Daniel moved to the next agenda item of Public input and requested those present to sign in on the sign in sheet provided. (See attached paper for those present). Various residents expressed concern regarding the possibility of the Town of Sherman requesting fire coverage from Menomonie Rural Fire for the entire Town. Daniel noted that public input is not a time for discussion or decisions and specific concerns will be addressed at the appropriate time on the Town's agenda in an orderly fashion.

Chairman Daniel moved down to agenda item Review Fire District Comparisons. Daniel stated that the consideration is for Boyceville Fire only, not Ambulance, and that the Town of Sherman is happy with the management, cost, and service provided by Boyceville Ambulance. Daniel noted that the Town of Sherman is currently split south end 48% Menomonie Fire and Ambulance and north end 52% Boyceville Fire and Ambulance coverage. With reasonable comparisons in service, the items of consideration and comparison are: cost of service, response time, and homeowner insurance rates. The Board reviewed the 10 year cost comparison spreadsheet including assessments, fire call, and 2% fire dues with Boyceville fire at \$128,761.92 from 2009 to 2018 and Menomonie Rural Fire at \$62,467.00 from 2009 to 2018 (Net of \$51,712.07 if accounting for 2% fire dues retained by town.) Daniel noted the increase in the 2019 Boyceville Fire assessment of \$8,557.00 does not include the debt for the new fire truck or the new fire hall, and that we are not able to use any portion of that increase in assessment as debt obligation in our 2019 town levy. Discussion on Boyceville Fire structuring their debt in a way the Town's can levy their portion in increase taxes. Daniel shared the Dunn County dispatch logs for the response times in the Town of Sherman from Menomonie and Boyceville as well as a response time projection provided by Jack Baus, Menomonie Fire Chief. Being Boyceville Fire is volunteer and Menomonie Fire is staffed the projected response times are adjusted 5 min additional for Boyceville plus travel time, and 1 min for Menomonie plus travel time. A random selected home in the far northern part of Sherman had a response time of 11 min from Boyceville and 15 minutes from Menomonie. Daniel noted that insurance rates are determined by protection class/rating of the fire department, home location, and distance and assuming mutual aid is honored homes should not be considered unprotected. Daniel noted he contacted Potter Insurance Agency in Menomonie and his insurance agent noted there would not be an increase in home insurance due to the previously mentioned considerations. Daniel encouraged residents to check with their own home owners insurance to check costs. Discussion on the level of service provided if

Menomonie's Station 2 is already out on a call and the response times from Station 1 being longer. Daniel shared the approximate assessment costs per \$100,000 assessed home in Sherman. Menomonie Fire \$14.49 per \$100,000 assessed value, and Boyceville Fire \$37.23 per \$100,000 assessed value. The Town currently assesses all the residents equally making the average fire cost per \$100,000 assessed value \$27.31. Considering the Boyceville fire 2019 assessment increase the projected cost for Boyceville would increase to \$59.09 per \$100,000 assessed value. Discussion regarding higher costs for everyone in the Town verses assessing those serviced by Boyceville and those services by Menomonie separately. It was made clear that no formal request has been made by Sherman to leave Boyceville Fire and move the whole Town to Menomonie Fire, and in doing such, there is a long legal process and contractual obligations.

Chairman Daniel moved to agenda item consider Potter Wedding Barn proposed parking plan. Discussion on the plans received prior to have 1 lot and signage. Paul made a motion to approve the plan as presented, 2nd by Charles. Daniel abstained. Daniel requested the records to show the recommendation to have increased aggregate and a portion of the parking lot to have rock, but it is not a requirement at this time.

Chairman Daniel moved to agenda item consider Potter Wedding Barn fence construction in the Town Right of Way. The Board received a proposed plan and photo previously. The Barn's operating months are May through October which should eliminate potential problems with snow and plowing. It was agreed that the Town will not assume any damages or repairs and should the fence be in the way in the future, it will be removed. Motion to approve the fence as proposed made by Charles, 2nd by Dan. Motion passed. Daniel abstained.

Chairman Daniel moved to agenda item Website development. The Board thanked Chase Potter for his proposal on various options and costs associated with website creation and maintenance. Ashley shared information about a WTA endorsed website creating firm in Eau Claire called JB Systems. The bronze package is \$1,499 for set up and \$49.99 per month after. General discussion on options and layout. Motion made to pursue WTA approved cost effective options made by Dan, 2nd by Paul, motion passed.

Daniel moved to agenda item Consider retention of legal council. Daniel shared that Attorney Brian Nodolf expressed his interest, but hasn't received a proposal so there is no consideration at this time.

Ashley provided a list of delinquent solid waste fees, street light assessments, and open invoices for consideration to add to tax roll fall 2018. Motion to approve charges made by Dan, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed. Motion to add A & A transit, Bud Mecusker, and Dave Christianson delinquent special charges to the 2018 tax roll made by Dan, 2nd by Kelley. Motion passed.

Ashley provided a clerk's report and update on activities. Ashley noted the WTA banquet and meal was coming up October 24th and has sent in the RSVPs for those attending. Ashley shared the PIN report for sales in the Town provided by the County, Prochnow's request for building permits issued in 2018, Dunn County bike and pedestrian open house, Highway seminar in Eau Claire by UW system, update on election prep and absentee ballots issued, and the Wipfli 2019 contract for services and the Dunn County Humane Society 2019-2020 contract for services. Ashley with put both Wipfli and humane society contracts on the November agenda for consideration. Ashley noted the difference in the amount for invoice approval was different from the amount to transfer due to

Randy's September payment. Motion to approve October invoices for payment made by Charles, 2nd by Paul, motion passed.

Review of C.S.M.s – there were none

Review of Building Permits – there were none

Review of Driveway Permits – there were none

Review of Utility Permits -there were none

Daniel moved to agenda item Roadwork update. Terry's time sheet showed patching, mowing and hauling. Laverne would like to continue to be Sexton and Randy would like to continue to be back up patrolman help.

Ashley shared the Dunn County Tax collection contract for 2019. Motion to approve contract made by Charles, 2nd by Dan. Motion passed.

November Budget hearing meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 15 at 5:30pm at the Sherman town hall with the regular monthly meeting to immediately follow.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dan, 2nd by Charles. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by: Ashley Score, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Sherman