

Town of West Sweden- Monthly Meeting

October 15, 2019

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Glenn Meier at 6:27 pm. Present were Glenn Meier, Chairman, Jerry Tischer, Terry Taylor, supervisors, Phyllis Wilder, clerk, Brenda Tesch, treasurer, Chris Tewalt, patrolman. Kevin Taylor, retiring patrolman.

The September meeting minutes were presented by the clerk. No corrections or additions needed; minutes stand approved as presented.

The financial statement for September were presented by the treasurer. The board thank her for the report.

Public Input: None

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Discuss 2020 budget:** Motion made by Terry T to increase levy by \$50,000, Jerry T seconded, motion carried. A special meeting will be held October 22 at 9 am to finalize the budget and adopt the resolution to propose exceeding the levy limits.
- B. **Road projects for 2020:** After discussion on repair of roads, Glenn M made the recommendation that we have a road inspection with representatives from Fahrner and Monarch to plan for future repairs on roads. We will pursue the MSL 90/10 program for 150th Street.
- C. **Review/update employee handbook:** Discussion on verbiage for leave requests, will update wording for requests.

New Business:

- A. **Starwire parking:** Sara McCain from Starwire has asked to park their equipment at the salt sand shed on Benson Road will bringing the fiber optic lines into Frederic. Board granted their request.
- B. **Commercial electric inspections:** The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services will be changing the rules effective January 1, 2020 giving the towns the option to exercise jurisdiction over inspections of electrical wiring installations for commercial and farm properties. The Board has chosen to not exercise jurisdiction allowing the department to assume the permitting and inspections.

Employee report: Chris reported beavers have returned, USDA trapper is wrapping up for the season. Has been cleaning out shop area and has several items to that will have to go to Polk County Recycling.

Fire Department report: Terry reported that the board presented Scott Wilde with a plaque at the October meeting for 16 years of serving on the board. On track for new truck to arrive in 2021.

Ambulance report: Glenn reported they received a \$20,000 donation to go towards the purchase of a hydraulic lift cot which costs \$30,000.

Correspondence: Housing survey from West Central Wi Regional Planning commission

Approve payment of bills: Motion made by Terry second by Jerry, to approve the payment of bills check#17236 thru 17252 and payroll and ACH payments totaling \$25,362.00

Next month agenda: Budget hearing and special meeting of electors will start at 6 pm with regular meeting to follow.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday November 19, 2019 following the budget hearing and special meeting of electors.

No other business, meeting adjourned. Time: pm

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Wilder Clerk