

Sauk County Town Association Unit Meeting

February 21, 2013

Town of Westfield, Loganville

Chairman Jim Huebsch called the meeting to order at 7:30. The officers of the host township, Westfield, were introduced. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$274.74 was approved as read. Roll call was taken and 36 board members representing 14 of the 22 townships were present.

Steve Muchow, Sauk County Highway Commissioner, gave townships a preview of the coming road work intentions of the county and state. County Roads, U, PF and CH are among those roads slated for maintenance. Phillips Boulevard and the Highway 12 Bridge in Sauk City will be under construction from March through November. July is the due date for bridge projects aid.

Kathy Schauf, Sauk County Administrator, said that re-use of county properties is being evaluated, specifically the old county landfill. Finalizing the numbers for 2012 came in with sales tax revenues higher than originally projected. EDA Grant for fiber optic is closed, the project is completed. Venture Architects have been retained to ascertain if the jail is being used most efficiently. County Board is starting mid-term assessments. An April 24th meeting will start the budget process for the next year. Housing in Baraboo is on the upswing. The county work force is changing and hopefully an economic recovery is on the way.

Marty Krueger, chairperson of the Sauk County Board, announced that the next intergovernmental meeting will be held March 26th at Shifflet's Bar and Grill in Spring Green. The bonding issue for broadband did not pass the county board.

Seven county board members that were present then introduced themselves. Chairman Huebsch invited all to attend Capitol Days on April 30th. Scholarships for high school students continuing their education are due in May.

Brentt Michalek, Sauk County Planning and Zoning and Land Conservation, spoke of the new county zoning ordinance. Though the ordinance has not been released or passed, it is being reviewed by corporate counsel. The new ordinance will be less restricted with more uniform setbacks. Earth Day will be April 21st in Baraboo. The next Clean Sweep will be June 1st at the landfill site, which will be the site of all subsequent Sweeps. Compost bins and cisterns can be picked up.

State Legislature Howard Marklein says that simplifying Wisconsin's complex tax code is one of the items he will be working on this year. The budget process has begun. Legislation protecting the transportation funding has passed for the second time. Mr. Marklein gave his thoughts on the mining bill as did Representative Ed Brooks. Mr. Brooks mentioned the governor's budget presentation and expansion of the voucher system.

Representative Brooks then awarded a Certificate of Service to Arnold Hamburg for 42 years of service to the Town of Westfield. Mr. Hamburg also served many years as an officer of the Wisconsin Towns Association, Sauk County Chapter.

There was no new or old business to be conducted. The next meeting will be held May 16th at the Town of Spring Green Hall. Different fire services and ways that towns serve and charge residents will be on the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 and a lunch was served by the Town of Westfield.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pearson, Secretary/Treasurer