



Town of Sheridan

April 2013

Roads

The town has 36.31 miles of roads. The road budget is and has been for a few years \$205,000 per year. We get from the state in General Transportation Aids \$2,117 per mile that in part funds the road budget. The \$205,000 must pay for both highway maintenance and resurfacing. Maintenance costs include having a township truck and a patrolman, sand for road shoulders, salt sand in the winter, snow plowing, brush cutting etc.

Last summer we pulverized and paved 1.46 miles on 450th Street. The county did all the work last fall. The cost of that project was about \$170,000 or \$116,000 per mile. We applied for and will be receiving about \$17,000 in TRIP Funds. Five years ago the cost per mile was about \$70,000. After paying on-going highway maintenance costs the \$170,000 was more than we could pay in one year so some of the project cost was not paid until this year.

This summer we will be replacing the bridge on 1450th Avenue over Vance Creek with two 5ft by 11ft concrete box culverts. The old bridge is narrow and the foundation is cracked. The estimate for replacing the bridge is \$109,000. The Town will have to pay half. We have applied for and received \$54,500 in bridge aid.

Snow Plowing

This past season's rate for plowing driveways remained \$20.00 per time. Next season still contact Brian Wirth at 715-949-1266 before he starts plowing the roads. Later calls will cost extra. You will be billed at the end of the season.

Elector's Meetings

Each year there are two elector's meetings. Anyone residing in the town who is qualified to register to vote is an elector even if they are not registered to vote. In April is the elector's annual meeting. In November is the annual budget meeting which sets next years budget for the town. Every other year there is also a town caucus to nominate candidates for the board positions. These meetings are not board meetings, they only look like it because the board members attend. Also in each monthly meeting of the town board the agenda includes time for public comment.

Elections

Red State or Blue State?

Well we're neither. The Romney/Ryan (R) ticket got 51% in Sheridan, but Sheridan favored Senator Baldwin (D) and Representative Kind (D). We had excellent turnout in the November election, 80%, which is better than the state average. The minutes of the board meeting of November 8, 2012 give Sheridan's election results. Minutes are on the town's web-site. Minutes of the April board meeting give the results of the April 2 election.

More changes to voting rules?

The state is now considering reduced hours for in person voting. The latest proposal is to only allow in person ballot requests between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Also the clerk's office cannot be open more than 40 hours per week during those two weeks of in-person voting. Saturday voting will be almost impossible. For last November's election 6 people in Sheridan voted absentee ballots at the town hall on a Saturday before the election. For the mid-term elections next year if you need to vote absentee call the clerk to ask what the current restrictions are.

Board of Review

The annual Board of Review will be May 14, 2013 at the Town Hall from 6:30 until 8:30. Open Book will be April 30 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The monthly Town Board meeting will follow the Board of Review, starting no earlier than 7:00 p.m..

Dogs, Cats and Gophers

The State of Wisconsin requires all dogs be licensed. Proof of current vaccination is required. Fees are \$3.00 spayed or neutered, \$8.00 intact. Payment is due with your property tax. If you have rental property or manage property for others please make sure they know to contact Robin Wirth to license their dogs. Feral dogs and cats can be taken to Dunn County Humane Society but not unwanted litters from domestic pets.

Sheridan pays a bounty for pocket gophers, \$1 per gopher. The bounty is only for trapping/killing gophers in Sheridan. You have to fill out an affidavit and submit the tail of each gopher. Visit the web site to download the required form.

Old Schools

We are still seeking photos of our past schools: Bilsle, Little Beaver, Oak Lawn District #5, Vanceburg and Washburn Farm. If you have photos of these schools please call Gary Allram who would like to make a copy of some good photos to hang on the walls of the new annex.

Mailing List

Help us maintain this mailing list. Let us know if we've misspelled a name or if someone was left out. The mailing list was made from property records, voter registrations and your feedback.

Posting Notices

The best and easiest way to see the public notices of elections, meeting etc. is to visit the township's web site and click on the menu item "Public Notices and Newsletters". The web site address is:
www.sheridantownship.org

Notices are also posted at the town hall, the corner of County Road VV and 1350th Ave. and also near the clerk's mailbox (see return address of newsletter).

For the Board of Review a fourth posting is required. The fourth place will be the fence at the Vanceberg Cemetery.

Town of Sheridan Newsletter

Town Board - April 2013 to April 2015

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