

**TOWN OF SHELBY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 17th, 2019

**LOCATION:** 2800 Ward Ave. La Crosse, WI 54601

**TIME:** 5:00 PM

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Chairperson/Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Marlene Heal, and Tim Ehler Clerk/Sara Jarr, and Administrator/Jeff Brudos

**TOWN OFFICIALS EXCUSED:** Tim Padesky

**ATTENDANCE LIST:** Terry Wright, Chris Smiley, Wendy Stachowitz, Lonnie Olson

1. Call to order at 5:00pm by Candahl.
2. Motion by Heal/Ehler to approve the minutes for 9/4/19 Town Board Meeting – Motion carried.
3. Motion by Heal/Ehler to approve the minutes for 9/5/19 Town Board Meeting – Motion carried.
4. Motion by Ehler/Knutson to approve the amended minutes for the 9/6/19 Town Board Meeting – Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ehler/Heal to approve Bid Award Recommendation package for the Mormon Coulee Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project. Motion carried. Work to commence this fall and be completed by 5/2020. See bidding document attached.
6. The Board will invite the Planning Commission and Sanitary District Commissioners to attend a joint meeting to discuss the status of negotiations with the City of La Crosse and the Boundary Agreement. 09/23/19 or 10/01/19.
7. “RAVE” program approval on hold until next meeting on 10/01/2019.
8. Citizens Comments: Smiley and Stachowitz, a resident and HOA President of Battlestone Station had several concerns regarding the large dirt pile left by the developer and its potential effect on neighboring basements in their homes. They both requested that the Town remove the pile ASAP as the Town is the current owner of the dirt. They suggested that Bill Knobloch is willing to move the dirt and use it as fill on his property. Candahl and Ehler commented that this would not be an option as if he placed that much dirt on his property/bluff, flooding would occur elsewhere in the Town. Candahl requested that Brudos contact the Town’s legal consul to learn the exact details as to the Town’s responsibility of the dirt pile and the settlement the previous Town Administrator reached with the developer that abandoned the pile. Brudos pointed out the dirt is on land that covers what the Town and also the HOA own. Candahl also requested that Wright follow up with Mark Manske to see if he is still intending on using some of the dirt as fill for a project of his. Stachowitz also requested that the Town remove the excavator left by Hess Excavating and questioned why a 12ft. hole left by Hess continues to not be addressed by the Town. Brudos reported that the hole is on HOA land, not the Town’s.

In addition, the Battlestone HOA wants to Town to improve the road in their development by adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> lift, curb and catch basin to stop and prevent improper water movement and erosion. Brudos to research if the Town is responsible for improving the road. He believes that the original developer is likely responsible (no water control, i.e. ditches were placed between homes) and that the county would be responsible for enacting a Storm Water Plan.

Olson asked who would have record of ownership of the Old Hwy 35 bridge. He also asked who is responsible for maintaining the ditches going to and around the bridge. Olson suggested a way he feel the ditch system could be improved. Also, he expressed his dissatisfaction in Candahl for not keeping the promise to remove the bridge. Candahl reminded Olson that the bridge was located on private property and is in a different Town and County. Candahl further explained that the Town was willing to make a \$3,600.00 payment to a contractor the landowner was already using for a project of his to also remove the bridge while equipment was readily available. However, after some water subsided and further analysis was made as to the logistics of the bridge's removal, the contractor's estimate became \$26,000.00. Follow up with other state officials is planned.

9. Brudos Administrator Report included:
  - The contract for the new Administrator had been finalized. Christina Peterson's official start date will be October 24<sup>th</sup>. She will be available a few days before the 24<sup>th</sup> and will be attending some upcoming Town meetings.
  - Review of options for the Town's 2020 Health Plan has begun.
  - 9/14/19 Large Item Drop-off Day had 172 people bring items.
  - A fall newsletter was not being printed due to limited office staff
  - The Fire and Police Departments will soon be attending Board Meetings again to report on their respective departments.
  
10. Candahl reported that he and the Fire Chief attended a meeting with the City of La Crosse Fire Department to discuss a possible Cooperation Agreement between fire departments to share calls, geography and training.

Candahl also requested the status on sign replacements for Hagen and Wedgewood. Ehler agreed to discs with the Park Committee.

Knutson updated the status on new trail signs and the Eagle Scout project/butterfly park.

Lastly, Candahl passed on a resident request to return a "Dead End" sign on Boschert – there used to be one. Brudos and Wright to look at placing another sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

Next Town meeting will be Tues. October 1st, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Jarr, Town of Shelby Clerk