

# TOWN OF SHELBY

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

**Town Officials Present:** Chairperson Tim Candahl, Supervisors Renee Knutson, Tim Padesky, Tim Ehler and Marlene Heal, Fire Chief Tony Holinka, Officer Sean Horton, Clerk Fortune Berg, Administrator Christina Peterson, and Treasurer Sara Jarr.

**Town Officials Excused:** None.

**Attendance List:** Brad Fitzgerald (N1336 Evergreen Lane), Eric Kvamme (W5319 Cty Rd MM), Terry Gerke (2507 W Burr Oak Street), Tim Betlach (W5736 Sherwood Drive), Joe Van Aelstyn (3152 S 33<sup>rd</sup> Street), and John Seigel (La Crosse County Sheriff).

1. Town Board Meeting called to order by Chairperson Candahl at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 4/18/2023. Heal had a change to #13 noting the Town is going to contribute \$4,000.00 to signage not each municipality. Motion by Heal to approve minutes from 4/18/2023 with suggested change, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bills Payable. Motion by Heal to pay open invoices in the amount of \$124,247.74, and to approve paid invoices in the amount of \$41,121.28, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizen's Concerns. None.
5. Fire Department Report. Holinka stated on April 30th the department was dispatched to a tractor fire at St Joseph's Equipment, the fire was extinguished in 20 minutes, no other vehicles or buildings were damaged. Holinka stated that the department will be at State Road School and Southern Bluffs for the summer carnival and touch a truck. Holinka noted moderate fire danger as of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Holinka noted the upcoming hose test, hoses will be certified for a year.
6. Administrator Report.
  - a. Peterson stated Public Works has been working on brush pickup and sweeping roads.
  - b. Peterson noted the new building inspector transition is going well and several permits have already been issued.
  - c. Peterson noted the office has received several applications including a rezone request and variance requests. Peterson explained the requests will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Town Board at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Peterson also reminded the board about the budget work session and the Board of Review on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - d. Peterson stated the Sanitary District is expecting a report from the engineer on May 18<sup>th</sup> regarding iron issues for Arbor Hills Well #2 and will discuss options to move forward.
  - e. Peterson noted on May 23<sup>rd</sup> the board will go into closed session to discuss the Boundary Agreement.
  - f. Peterson reiterated she and Heal met with La Crosse County Administrator and the Sheriff's Department to prepare for discussions tonight.
  - g. Peterson noted she is investigating grants and funding for parks and will report back to the Parks Committee at the next meeting.
7. 2023 Property & Liability Insurance Policy, Workers Comp Policy. Peterson noted the Town of Shelby renews the insurance policy each May. Ehler asked if we quoted it, Peterson confirmed we did in

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2022 but not this year. Peterson reminded the board of the switch to Rural Mutual. Peterson noted the premium totals for both policies (\$47,957.00 for the Business Owners Policy and \$25,675.00 for Worker's Compensation Policy). Motion by Padesky to approve 2023 insurance policies, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Valley Road Stormwater Improvement Project Design Proposal. Peterson noted Valley Road proposal received from Bolton and Menk. Engineer's preliminary design and engineering services for the design of the project would need to get approved to move forward. Peterson explained the cost breakdown, estimated cost may be revised. The proposed engineering fee is \$70,000.00 and includes meetings with residents to explain the project and answer questions. With the grant from La Crosse County, the town committed to paying \$200,000.00 or 10%. Motion by Ehler to approve the proposal from Bolton and Menk for Valley Road, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Boma Road Design Proposal. Boma Rd tabled until June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Peterson noted details need to be finalized with engineers and contractors.
10. Fireworks Sellers Permit – R&M Enterprises & Skyline Fireworks. Berg confirmed the two applications received are from the same sellers that applied in 2022. Berg additionally confirmed that the proper insurance was obtained, and the sellers have agreed to post the state fireworks statute and get the names and addresses of their buyers so the town can check for permits. Motion by Ehler to approve fireworks sellers permits, second by Padesky. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Law Enforcement and Ordinance Enforcement. Peterson welcomed Sheriff Siegel and Officer Horton. Peterson explained statistics, budget, demographics and reviewed state statutes. Peterson stressed that Public Safety is a priority in the Town of Shelby and noted long-term and short-term options for coverage in Shelby. (See attached Power Point) Ehler asked about paying for training, Siegel noted that training would be the responsibility of La Crosse County. Candahl reiterated tax levy freeze, inflation, and other budget constraints. Ehler asked what it would cost to have 20 or 40 hours of exclusive coverage and reiterated the amount of calls the county responds to for Shelby. Candahl mentioned cost sharing with another municipality as an option for exclusive coverage time from La Crosse County. Heal asked about consulting the Town of Holland for enforcement of ordinances. Siegel explained the amount of calls in the municipalities. Siegel explained the number of deputies has not gone up despite population growth in the county. Siegel also noted a lot of follow up is handled by municipal police, when available. Siegel noted the contract between Rockland and the Sheriff's Department. Ehler asked if Shelby would be assigned specific deputies, Siegel noted it would likely be the same few deputies assigned to Shelby but ultimately, he cannot guarantee that. Heal asked about Rockland and hours or coverage, Siegel noted they change weekly. Candahl reiterated that Shelby has an officer 1/3 of the time. Candahl opened the floor to the residents. Tim Betlach (W5736 Sherwood Drive) asked when Officer Horton is retiring, Horton answered in October. Betlach asked if the board has discussed a referendum question, Ehler noted the next ballot for a referendum would be November 2024 and reiterated this board will take some time to discuss and investigate all the options. Eric Kvamme (W5319 Cty Rd MM) asked about the difference between previous budgets and the current budget and why there is not room for another officer. Candahl reiterated budget constraints and options for referendum. Ehler reminded the board and citizens of the percentage of property tax collected that stays in Shelby. Terry Gerke (2507 W Burr Oak St) commented that state money received for floods and other disasters is helpful, but a majority is paid on the engineering fees leaving the town to still pay for some of the cost of the project, noted how much less Shelby would be spending if the roads didn't have to be

engineered. Gerke noted the Shelby crew reconstructed Forest Ridge Drive and it was cheaper and more efficient. No action taken.

12. Chairperson and Supervisors Reports.

- a. Candahl noted he has been to Madison twice to discuss problems with the levy limit.
- b. Candahl noted the Boundary Agreement discussions are ongoing.

13. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. by Padesky, second by heal. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will take place Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Berg, Clerk