

TOWN OF LEBANON NEWSLETTER

CORRECTION—WRONG DATES IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:



SPRING ELECTION, APRIL 6 POLLS OPEN 7:00AM, CLOSE 8:00PM

TOWN ROAD INSPECTION, SATURDAY, APRIL 10

OPEN BOOK, MONDAY, **APRIL 19 4:00PM-6:00PM at Town Hall**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, **APRIL 19 7:00PM**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, **APRIL 20 7:30PM**

BOARD OF REVIEW, TUESDAY, **APRIL 27 6:00PM-8:00PM**

BIDS BEING ACCEPTED

We will be accepting **closed bids** for the 1.5—2 acres of Hay located behind the town hall. Please give us a dollar amount for all cuts in 2021. Bids must be at the Town Hall no later than 4/12/2021. Place all bids in a sealed envelope marked Hay Bid 2021 and either mail to the town or drop off in the locked mailbox at the town hall. They will be reviewed and awarded based on the bids at the board meeting on 4/19/2021.

All Hall Rentals will need to abide by whatever the current health recommendations are.

Our Hall is available for rent to residents of our town. **WiFi is now available!** The cost is \$75 for the rent with a separate \$50 deposit that will be returned as long as the hall is properly cleaned and there is no damage to the facility. If you wish to rent the hall, please check the calendar on the town website: townoflebanon.net.

If your requested date is available, please complete the rental form also available on our website, and send the two checks to the Town Hall as soon as possible. The Hall is held for you for your requested date. **We do not confirm your requested date. Once your check is received, you will see your confirmed rental on the calendar.**

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Board Meeting Highlights

January, 2021

Resident Dave Erdmann requested that the agenda be posted on the website.

Dan Rammer from MSA Professional Services presented the engineering study of Tank Rd and Stage Rd. The data in the study was collected via video for 12 hours. The Sight Distance Analysis is the biggest determinant in deciding if the stop sign is warranted and the study showed that the stop sign is warranted. It was recommended that the Stop Ahead sign could be changed out for the graphic stop ahead sign but it is not required. Discussion was held on reducing the speed limit but to reduce lower than 45 MPH requires DOT approval and Tank Rd to the north of Stage does not have enough issues such as driveways and a reduced speed limit would not be approved.

Discussion was also held on a proposal made by Jeff Handschke that the 22 townships in Waupaca County consider getting together and hire a county officer and that officer would be shared by all of the townships. The residents present thought this was a good idea. The County Deputy officer present will take this information back to the sheriff for consideration.

Resident Dave Urban has noticed that Church Rd has increased traffic and increased truck traffic as it is the path of least resistance to reach Hwy 45. There are many pedestrians along Church Rd and the traffic goes faster than the posted 45 MPH. Jeff Handschke proposed posting a Pedestrians Present sign. Al Tank recommends that we try and get the speed enforced and will discuss this with Sheriff Wilz. Discussion was also held by board members to possibly post a No Thru Trucks sign on Church Rd and to post a Truck Route sign on Crain Rd. Issues concerning Shamrock Club's driving range was discussed due to the hazard of vehicles being hit by golf balls. The town had in the past encouraged the club to plant evergreen trees but the owners had refused but there are new owners since that discussion so the town could possibly pursue the tree option again. It was reported that all of the LRIP money has been received. Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to apply the entire amount of the LRIP funds to the principal of the loan. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to renew Bernie Ritchie's term on the Planning Commission for a 2 year term from February 2021 through February 2023. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the condition of the large plow truck. The last inspection showed that the frame is showing signs of deterioration caused by corrosion due to the salt exposure. The proposal is that the town start to look for a used truck.

Discussion of other future equipment purchases include a boom mower and flashing speed sign trailers or post style.

February, 2021

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to approve the town plan commission recommendation of the requested Zoning Map Amendment change by AJ Joles to move 2.5 acres, parcel 11-03-42-1, from Agriculture Retention to Rural Residential Overlay. Motion carried.

Al Tank reported that the broadband project needs to obtain an environmental impact study on the land before proceeding with the tower installation.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to approve all permits as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to accept the insurance quote from Rural Mutual raising our liability limits to \$3 million per occurrence/\$6 million general aggregate at an additional cost of \$498.00/year. Motion carried.

Manawa Fire Board report was presented by Jeff Handschke. The brush truck and equipment truck will be replaced with one new multipurpose truck with proposed delivery date of mid-late 2022. An ambulance will be replaced but it has not been decided yet if they will get a complete new one or move the current box with some updates onto a new chassis. The Snodeo event hired an outside entity to provide their safety and rescue personnel so the Manawa FD and Ambulance will not be at the Snodeo. The call totals for 2020 for both fire and rescue exceeded the previous year by quite an increase.

Discussion was held on the town road conditions. Al will contact the county about having a grader come and wing back the banks. Al also reported that Church Rd from Buelow to Hwy 45 would qualify to reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH. It was reported that there is one resident that has pushed snow across the road which has impeded plowing in that area. A letter will be sent to that resident. Also the information about state statute that relates to this will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Discussion was held on the status of town owned equipment. The Travel Plaza winter fuel is a straight #2 and a 60/40 blend is preferred for our equipment. Al reported that we can obtain the 60/40 blend at the county fuel pump in New London.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to get winter fuel at the county pump. Motion carried. Al Tank reported that the big truck has a cracked turbo and is leaking exhaust into the cab. Don Laughlin reported he has a turbo that he thinks is the correct one and will follow up on that tomorrow. Don Laughlin also shared info on used trucks that are or will be coming up for sale at International Trucks. Discussion was held on some features that would be good to have on a new truck and that includes an underbelly blade and a shouldering blade. Bernie Ritchie suggested checking the Wisconsin Surplus

website for trucks and since he monitors that website frequently he will watch for postings of trucks that might work for us and will report to one of the board members if he sees something.

Mary Schoenrock reported that a dead mouse was found in the Optech Insight tabulator and that it had chewed a wire so a loaner machine was obtained from the county for tomorrow's election. It is not known if there are any other mice in the building but will place some sticky traps in various locations and see if any are caught.

Discussion was held on options of how employees can be reimbursed for expenses occurred for town equipment and/or supplies and it was decided that there will be one check available at the town hall that Chairman Al Tank will be able to use for emergency/unplanned expenses/purchases.

Motion made by Don Laughlin, 2nd by Jeff Handschke to approve the election inspectors as listed for the February 16 election. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to renew the contract with Marlyn (Lee) Robbert as building inspector for the Town of Lebanon for another year. Motion carried.

Discussion on getting the hall floors refinished. Lynn will contact a fellow chamber member that has a floor cleaning/refinishing business and will obtain bids that will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin that Open Book will be held on April 19 from 1600-1800 and Board of Review will be held on April 27 from 1815-2015. Motion carried.

March, 2021(draft)

Resident Bob Clegg was present and expressed interest in the part time town employee position. After discussion motion was made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to hire Bob Clegg as town employee on an as needed basis with compensation of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

There was no reply to any of the contacts made to Riley Krake so the board will move forward with other options to get a new sign constructed at the town hall.

Al Tank reported that the environmental impact study is still in process in regards to the broadband tower project.

Discussion was held on different trucks that are up for auction. Bernie Ritchie shared info on several different trucks but stated it was early in the auction so the prices were still very low. Motion was made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Al Tank to contact Vic Olmstead to see if he would investigate trucks for us. Motion carried. Discussion was held on where the TV should be mounted in the large town hall room. After discussion consensus was that the TV will be mounted on the east wall of the large town hall room so that the sun will not interfere with viewing. Al will get the necessary bracket.

Jeff Handschke brought up the idea that the Town of Maple Creek has an animal control person and that maybe that person would be interested in fulfilling that position for our town as well. Jeff Handschke will contact him and report back at a future meeting.

The town board members will inspect all of the town roads on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

The Annual Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30PM. It was decided that Little Caesar's pizza and beverages will be served as that can be served individually due to Covid19.

The operator's license that was received just prior to the meeting was not completed correctly so this will be tabled until the April meeting.

Notice will be placed in the town newsletter and on the website that bids will be accepted for cutting the grass hay on the town property. A 2 week deadline from when the notice is published will be made and bids will be looked at during the April board meeting.

Motion made by Jeff Handschke, Don Laughlin to approve the election inspectors for the April 6 election as presented. Motion carried.

Lynn Tank reported that she is working with Modern Cleaning Solution to obtain an estimate on refinishing the hall floors. There was interest of hall rental from a nonresident. Brief discussion was held that rental to nonresidents should not be allowed as when the hall was built there was an agreement made by the board that this would not be allowed so local businesses would not be affected. Motion made by Jeff Handschke, 2nd by Don Laughlin to not allow hall rental by nonresidents. Motion carried.

NOTE: Complete meeting minutes can be found on the website at www.townoflebanon.net