

TOWN OF SHELBY

Chairperson Report by Tim Candahl

2017 Annual Report for April 2018 Annual Meeting

Town Board is in the final stages of discussion with the City of La Crosse on the Boundary Agreement. After three years of negotiating, hopefully by mid-summer the agreement will be signed.

This past summer the Town took a major blow with some heavy rain and flooding. The Town suffered about 2 million in damages. We are presently pursuing reimbursement for losses with FEMA. FEMA has not come around with agreeable replacement costs on damage done to the Town so we are actively seeking help from the offices of Ron Kind and Tammy Baldwin in helping us with our concerns.

The transition with the replacement of Jeff Brudos, former Town Administrator, is going along very well. Carroll Vizecky has worked hard with filling his role and is an excellent choice for the new Administrator. Well done Carroll.

The Town is in the process of looking at ideas for replacing the Town Fire Station, 61+ year old building, and adding some more space to the Road Shop as well.

The completion of the new 911 signs is finished and is a welcome addition to help identify the Town and help with fast location in identification for Fire Rescue, Police and Tri-State Ambulance Service.

The Highway 33 water extension has been completed and with a few touch ups to landscape should be completed by summer. There has been inquiries about possible water to Boma Rd. and Southdale as well. We are studying that as well as the Ridge. The enclosed shelter in Mormon Coulee is completed and ready for use. This has been a joint effort with the Mormon Coulee Lions Club to make a new shelter. Thank you to everybody who made donations and the work of the Mormon Coulee Lions Club. Come see the new shelter.

There was an advisory referendum vote taken on having 5 people on the board. It was a small vote tally. The board has taken this into consideration and will move forward with a 5-person board to be in place in 2019.

On another note, we are in the process of purchasing a new fire apparatus in order to keep our truck rotation every 10 years. To keep our fire rating in check, we are replacing truck 462.

We have had some replacement positions open in the office with Gloria Johnson going to a different job and Honey Johansen retiring. We would like to welcome Sara Jarr to the office.

We are looking at improvements to the Pammel Creek Park area. We are working with the Aquinas Booster Club in helping with the project as well as some private donors to lessen the cost to taxpayers on this project.

We have a large number of Town Roads that will be slurry sealed this summer along with other road projects as well. We had taken money that was for roads last year to fix the roads that were damaged from the floods. We are hopeful FEMA repays us for the money we had taken from the Road Fund.

The Town is in the process of entertaining the idea of several surveillance cameras in various areas.

A new facility with the possibility of adding Tri-state could provide a win win for both. Park and Rec director for SYB and add a community center for rentals, exercise, or meetings could be beneficial.