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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Tuschner at 7:00 p.m. Open meeting certifications were met. Also posted previously were the November 26, 2013 Special Budget Meeting to Exceed the Levy Limits and Public Budget Hearing Meeting and the November 8, 2013 Budget Meeting. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Ronald Tuschner and Supervisor Michael Wineski. Also present were the attached list of residents.

A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to approve disbursements of November 18, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

At 7:02 p.m. R. Tuschner opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the November 18, 2013 agenda. R. Tuschner made the third call. There were no comments from the public. R. Tuschner closed the public comments at 7:03 p.m.

Garbage/Recycling Procedures

Bob Sonsalla asked to postpone this item due to more time for research on the stickers.

Westland Insurance Quote for the Town of Arcadia's Insurance

Kris Van Acker, Westland Insurance Representative, gave a brief background of the employees, company, and offerings other than insurance. She presented the insurance packages. A discussion followed with Board questions answered. A copy is in the office. R. Tuschner stated publically that the Town of Arcadia has had good service from Westland.

Rural Insurance Quote for the Town of Arcadia's Insurance

Gretchen Erickson, Rural Insurance Representative, gave a brief background of Rural Insurance and that they develop insurance for Townships in the State of Wisconsin. She presented the insurance packages. A discussion followed with Board questions answered. A copy is in the office. Discussion was held about paying the complete amount up front and payment plans. R. Tuschner stated the Board will contact both representatives in the near future.

Rainey Valley Bridge Closure

R. Tuschner discussed the closure: use by farm equipment, problems with the railings which had been fixed 2 years ago, beams structurally needing work, liability issues, 2 access roads, cost, concern of 1 exit, and economics. Bridget Breska questioned the planning of the closure and concern of the other exit. R. Tuschner stated the liability. Michele Roesler discussed traffic speed and visibility, moving the road, and cutting down the hillside. Lori Moe discussed restrictions, larger equipment, school buses, shaving down the hill, changing the speed limit, the corner, and using a heavier culvert. R. Tuschner stated that the hydrology study is not completed, discussed the large watershed and large tubes handling the water and debris. L. Moe asked about County funding and other bridges. R. Tuschner explained the 80/10/10 (State, County, and Town) funding of bridges 20 feet plus (interior opening) and the 50/50 (County and Town) for bridges 20 feet and under. All need engineering, hydrology studies, and DNR and Corps of Engineers involvement. This is where the expense is involved. Kevin Roesler stated that if the bridge is not replaced the intersection needs to be improved. Another problem spot is the interior stop sign. R. Tuschner discussed the speed limits (25/35 mph), shaving of the hill, widening the intersection, easier turn to the right out of the valley road. There are things that can be done. M. Wineski stated the County has changed the speed limit previously. R. Tuschner explained the 8 second visual/sight distance that the DOT uses at 55 mph. Jerry Puchalla explained his use of the bridge and his equipment use; his safety; guard rail; inspection; and his concern for safety. M. Wineski explained that if it was only the guardrail, the bridge would not have been closed. J. Puchalla questioned why the bridge wasn't closed earlier. R. Tuschner stated that in earlier minutes the instructions were to close it, but it didn't happen until 2 weeks later. A welder looked at it with the Foreman. The outside beam and the distance don't allow for repair. J. Puchalla explained his situation. M. Wineski stated that it is not the Board's intent to injure him; an engineer will look at it; liability; and questioned previous accident history. Richard Rebhahn stated since there is little use, there have been no accidents. R. Tuschner stated again the 8 second sight for distance, shaving the hill, and finding other ways to correct the situation. M. Wineski wondered if a culvert would work instead of a bridge. Mike Chitko discussed the increase in residents and traffic, the use of the bridge, convenience, safety, dangerous intersection, when the accident will happen, history of shaving the hill, and the 8 second sight time. R. Tuschner stated the Board needs to make it safe, look at the cost, and the liability at this time. Robert Skroch talked about the bridge vs. road and conflicts. R. Tuschner stated the engineers will determine the status, but it will take time. R. Skroch spoke about the increase of cars all day and all night. R. Tuschner stated we will work at the problem, take the correct steps, safety, cost effectiveness, and to follow the sequence. Joe Wozney questioned winter and possibly allowing cars and trucks to use the bridge or limit to local traffic. J. Puchalla questioned spending money and saving lives. R. Tuschner agreed; the Board does take lives into consideration. M. Chitko suggested putting up a sign stating Bridge Out. R. Tuschner directed the Foreman to get a sign from the County. Also orange flags will be posted with the sign. B. Breska discussed traffic situations. L. Moe discussed snow plows, feed trucks, and large vehicles. M. Roesler asked if a traffic study has been completed. R. Tuschner stated no, but because of the liability the bridge needed to be closed until the Board could go through the proper sequence and process. M. Roesler discussed other bridges. R. Tuschner stated that these concerns should be taken to the officials in Madison; the 80/10/10 bridges are inspected every 2 years with a numerical index on when replacement is made and the state mandates; other bridges that don't qualify for the 80/10/10 may qualify for the 50/50 funding and there are rules to follow also; in a 50/50 bridge the Town of Arcadia pays the full amount up front and get reimbursed the second year; and the Town of Arcadia cannot do something it cannot afford to pay for. M. Roesler questioned if there was money to fix the intersection. R. Tuschner stated that there is no relationship to the bridge. That is a County Road and we would need to go to the County. K. Roesler asked about condemnation. M. Wineski stated there are 6 suggested items to work on. R. Tuschner stated again the Board needs time to investigate the options. M. Chitko asked how the residents would get the information. R. Tuschner suggested one person be the contact person and/or check the agenda which is posted and on the website. R. Rebhahn asked about the budget and maintenance. M. Wineski stated bridges are inspected every 2 years, but bridges do go out. The County chooses the engineers and these companies are changed periodically. R. Rebhahn stated he wouldn't mind an increase in taxes to maintain bridges. R. Tuschner reminded the people to spread the word about the special budget meeting coming up on November 26 and the Board asking for a significant amount of money for projects. B. Breska questioned the communication and gave information about a previous accident. R. Tuschner stated that if he finds out about a problem with a bridge, he must close it for safety. The Town of Arcadia has not borrowed money except for this building. Richard Schank questioned if there is a standard with a replacement. M. Wineski stated it could be constructed larger. R.

Tuschner again discussed the rating/index and the steps the Town of Arcadia may take. K. Roesler discussed the inspectors. R. Tuschner discussed the reasons for changing inspectors. B. Breska asked for no staging of trucks by GNP. M. Wineski will contact GNP with options. M. Roesler again expressed her concern for safety. R. Tuschner agreed and asked that the residents remain in contact with the Clerk. The Board appreciates the ideas suggested, their concerns, and their attendance.

Land Acquisition by Richard Schank

R. Schank stated that on September 12 the City Council of Arcadia voted to annex 3.88 acres of his property for flood control. The DNR and Army Corps of Engineers have approved the plan. R. Tuschner wanted clarification that the acreage is presently available. R. Schank responded that is correct. He wanted the Board to be aware of this. Discussion took place about the relocation of the creek. The plan was approved October of last year. The project has been worked on for 3 years. An amendment is being requested. M. Wineski asked if this was for flood control. R. Schank replied with no; at the meeting most of the attendees were businessmen, Ashley representatives, and the council. He wanted the Town Board to be notified. It is not the wishes of the Schank family to be annexed; they want to remain in the Township. Discussion was held about annexations; concerns; and working with the City of Arcadia.

Purchases of Culverts

This will be on a future agenda when R. Tuschner has more information.

Budget Update

Discussion was held about the progress of the 5 year comparisons. A meeting with the Board members, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Treasurer is needed to prepare for the upcoming meeting. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to set November 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. The School District of Arcadia is providing a projector for the presentation.

Discussion and possible action regarding Wilber Road by town board in closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."

A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to move into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1) (e). Roll call vote: M. Wineski, yes and R. Tuschner, yes. The Board began the closed session at 8:42 p.m.

Return to open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c)

At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to return to open session per State Statute 19.85(1) (c). Roll call vote: M. Wineski, yes and R. Tuschner, yes. The Board began the open session at 8:42 p.m.

Possible Action Regarding Wilber Road

No action taken.

Resolution for Discontinuing Local Government Property Insurance

The resolution needs to be completed by December 19, 2013. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

Set meeting date with City Council for Executive Session for Negotiating Inter-Governmental Agreement

Possible dates were discussed. Consensus was to hold the meeting at the Town of Arcadia Hall, December 3 at 7:00 p.m., executive session, and with both Boards. Some possible topics were discussed. R. Tuschner will check with Richard Stadelman on correct procedure. The Town of Arcadia Clerk and the City of Arcadia Clerk will coordinate the posting of the meeting.

Set Meeting Date for 2014 Budget if Needed

This was set earlier.

Update by Town of Arcadia Foreman on Town of Arcadia projects, maintenance and equipment

Randy Conrad discussed brush cutting being almost complete; grader repairs; vehicles winterized; tires on the trucks; tire chains; and budget work.

Correspondence:

R. Tuschner discussed stray dogs. A contract from Ayres Associates arrived. This will be on the next agenda. Snowmobiles will not be crossing the bridge. Final Fire Inspection Services Inc. report is on file in the office. We received 10 copies of the final Comprehensive Plan. More will arrive when Peter Fletcher comes to Trempealeau County. R. Conrad requested an updated Plat Book. The Clerk will get one. The Trempealeau County budget was discussed. A copy will be given to the Treasurer.

Discussion was held about the next meeting date and time. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by R. Tuschner to set the next regular Town of Arcadia Board meeting for Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. Agenda items were discussed. A list is in the office. R. Tuschner adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Killian
Town of Arcadia Clerk