

# TOWN OF ARCADIA

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Town of Arcadia  
2013 Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, April 16, 2013

The April 16, 2013 annual town meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronald Tuschner at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present: Chairman Ronald Tuschner and Supervisors Michael Wineski and Ivan Pronschinske. Guests present were Ron Grulkowski, Ed Patzner, Gary Haines, Al Woychik, Donna Brogan, Beth Killian, Nancy Rohn and Paul Winey.

A motion was made by Beth Killian and seconded by Nancy Rohn to approve the 2012 annual town meeting minutes. The motion was carried with the voice vote.

A motion was made by Mike Wineski and seconded by Ivan Pronschinske to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Public Hearing on the 2012 Town of Arcadia budget. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Kerry Suchla and seconded by Ron Grulkowski to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Special Town Meeting. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

A discussion was held to postpone the Public Hearing on the 2014 Town of Arcadia Budget and Special town Meeting to approve the 2014 Town of Arcadia Tax Levy until such time that the budget has been completed. A motion was made by Ron Grulkowski and seconded by Nancy Rohn to postpone. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Ron Tuschner and seconded by Ivan Pronschinske to set the date for the 2014 Town of Arcadia annual meeting for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Ron Grulkowski and seconded by Ed Patzner to authorize the Town of Arcadia board to appoint a Town Weed Commissioner. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Nancy Rohn and seconded by Ron Grulkowski to name the State Bank of Arcadia as the official depository of all Town of Arcadia monies. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

Ed Patzner asked the Board how the Town of Arcadia calculates the dollar amount per ton received if damage is done to a road by a sand mine. The Board explained each sand mine must have a bond. The longer the road and bridge the more cents per tonnage. For example a sand mine could pay for example .45 cents per ton.

Ed Patzner inquired about where the funds were received for the Cemetery Fund. Ron Tuschner, Chairman, explained that monies in the fund are received from purchases of plots and those funds are used toward the perpetual care of the cemetery.

Discussion occurred on the repair and use of the Mausoleum building. Ivan Pronschinske will check the State Laws to determine the use of the building.

Ron Tuschner, Chairman, gave the residents in attendance five minutes to review the 2013 Statement of Taxes and the Annual Report. Ed Patzner asked why the Highway Equipment Outlay was \$77,999.00. Ron Tuschner explained that the new Tiger mower was purchased in 2012. A motion was made by Gary Haines and seconded by Ed Patzner to approve the 2013 Statement of Taxes and the Annual Report. The motion was carried with a voice vote.

#### Other Business:

Ron Grulkowski would like the Town Board to consider increasing the Election Workers wages. He proposed the new wage at \$10.00 per hour. He would like to see the wage increase by \$1.00 for the next five years. He asked that the Chief Inspector wage be \$1.00 more per hour than the Election Worker. Ron Grulkowski also asked the Board if the Town was reimbursed on any election costs from the Federal Government. The Town of Arcadia is not reimbursed for any election costs from the Federal Government.

Donna Brogan sent letter concerting conflict of interest regarding sand mine issues. Copies of letter were given to all Board members. Ron Tuschner explained the information from legal counsel varies. The Town of Arcadia Board has been using counsel advice. As long as the Town of Arcadia Board Member abstains if it pertains to his/her mine, he/she does not have to be excused. Donna Brogan stated that at the County level, the sand owner/board member abstains from all sand mine issues. Further discussion occurred regarding conflict of interest.

Al Woychik asked about water quality of the sand mine. Ron Tuschner explained that the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has requirements on water quality. Ivan Pronschinske explained that the sand mines recycle the water. Concerns were raised in regards to the high capacity wells.

Paul Winey spoke in regards to sand mine air quality. He explained that the modeling done was flawed. He presented a map to the Town of Arcadia Board that showed that 10% of the sand mines in the State of Wisconsin are in the Town of Arcadia. Fugitive dust is not counted in the modeling and children are at a high risk. Paul Winey asked the Board to study the air quality. He does not have concerns regarding the water quality. Ron Tuschner did not discount the information provided by Paul Winey. The Town of Arcadia Board relies on the statistical information from the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). The Town of Arcadia is regulated by those standards. Paul Winey stated there are standards that Town of Arcadia can set to forward to the County.

The State of California and the State of Texas have set limits but the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin have not set limits. The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) and MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) has the authority to exceed the standards.

The discussion then changed to the subject on the silica causing health issues. There is a growing health concern with the mines in this area. There is enough information available to help create a higher air quality standard.

A motion was made by Ivan Pronschinske and seconded by Mike Wineski and to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva V. Helwig  
Town of Arcadia Clerk