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**Town of Arcadia**  
**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 5, 2014 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. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Ronald Tuschner and Supervisor Michael Chitko. Ivan Pronschinske was absent. Also present were the attached list of residents.

M. Chitko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by M. Chitko and seconded by R. Tuschner to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 20, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. The minutes of the Clerk/Treasurer Referendum Discussion meeting of October 22, 2014 will be approved at the next meeting.

A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the disbursements of November 5, 2014. Beth Killian asked about paying an election worker before the next board meeting. This was approved. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

At 7:05 p.m. R. Tuschner opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the November 5, 2014 agenda. Ed Patzner asked what the second letter f on the agenda was about. This was a typographical error. Karen Geske noticed that there were only 2 board members present. She asked if the Town of Arcadia was the largest township in the State of Wisconsin. R. Tuschner responded if not the largest, one of the largest. K. Geske suggested that the Town of Arcadia have a referendum for a 5 member board. She talked about the number of people voting and the amount of work. The next question was: who is the Town's attorney. R. Tuschner responded that it is someone from the office of Kostner, Koslo, and Brovold LLC. K. Geske spoke about the Department of Administration letter to the Town of Lincoln and Town of Burnside. She was wondering if the Town of Arcadia's attorney reviewed the annexation proposal before they took place. She felt that this situation wouldn't have gone to this extent if the attorney had seen that this annexation was a balloon on a string. She asked again if our attorney reviewed the plans before we gave the A-OK to the City of Independence. R. Tuschner responded, no. K. Geske asked the Board to consider that prior to any future annexations, that we run things by our attorney. R. Tuschner stated that the Town of Arcadia Board believes this is not an improper annexation. K. Geske asked the Board, as her representative to the Town of Arcadia, to consider any future annexations to be looked at by our attorney to make sure everything is in proper order. A second and third call was made for comments. There were no further comments. R. Tuschner closed the public comments at 7:10 p.m.

Comments from the Board: M. Chitko commented on the clerk/treasurer discussion meeting. He had 2 phone calls in which the people were positive and thought it was a very productive meeting. There were no other comments from the Board.

**Answers to Questions from Karen Geske**

R. Tuschner gave a copy of the information that was received from Nick Gamroth, the Tax Lister.

**Shop Phone**

B. Killian is still working on this other part of the line. There was a bill from Hardware Hank for a cordless phone. She will check with Jon on this.

**Insurance Renewal**

Information from Rural Insurance came last week and Westland Insurance came on Tuesday. Both representatives are available to answer any further questions. No action taken. This will be on the next agenda.

**Thermostats**

The clerk contacted Slaby Electric again. We are on the list. This will be on the next agenda.

**Referendum Results**

The total voter count was 716; 4 outstanding absentee ballots, with 3 returned today; and the yes votes were 294 and the no votes were 410. The Board will discuss how to proceed at the next meeting. This will be on the next agenda.

**Specific matters for discussion and possible action 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."**

**1. Ray Weltzien Sand Mine Road Use Agreement for Holcomb Coulee Road**

A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by M. Chitko to move into closed session. Roll call vote: Ron, yes; Mike, yes. Motion carried. The Board convened into closed session at 7:17 p.m.

**Reconvene to open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2).**

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by M. Chitko and seconded by R. Tuschner to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Ron, yes; Mike, yes. Motion carried.

**Possible action regarding Ray Weltzien Sand Mine/Road Use Agreement for Holcomb Coulee Road**

A motion was made by M. Chitko and seconded by R. Tuschner to hire Ayres Associates to do preliminary borings and give recommendations to upgrade Holcomb Coulee Road and the intersections of Highway 93. The operator, in this case Brandt Valley Excavating, will be billed directly by Ayres Associates for those services. Roll call vote: Ron, yes; Mike, yes. Motion carried. This will be an agenda item in executive session at the next meeting.

**Correspondence**

We have received: levy limits from the schools; notice of public hearing on November 19 at 9:05 a.m. at the County Board Room at the Courthouse, this has been posted; an email from Dave Lyga on abutment repairs; email from Lisa Fleming on Thompson Valley Road; email from Brown County Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy, there was a brief discussion on the moratorium on wind turbines in Trempealeau County; Jon Olson received a quote for the Tiger Ditcher attachment and he is still investigating this item; someone asked about snow removal, this will be on the next agenda; and there is a special Town of Arcadia Board meeting with the City of Arcadia tomorrow at the Glanzer Building. K. Geske asked where the information that she was given at the beginning of the meeting came from and if the numbers were the tax parcel numbers. B. Killian will send an email tomorrow with the source of the document.

Discussion was held about the next meeting date and time. A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by M. Chitko to tentatively set the next regular Town of Arcadia Board meeting for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. pending the return of Ivan Pronschinske. Motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. Agenda items are on a list in the office.

R. Tuschner adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Killian  
Town of Arcadia Clerk