

TOWN OF ARCADIA

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Special Town of Arcadia and City of Arcadia Meeting Minutes of Special Board Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronald Tuschner at 7:30 p.m. Mayor John Kimmel opened the City of Arcadia Council meeting. 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 City of Arcadia Council members and residents.

John Kimmel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim Putz gave an electric utility report which consisted of a name change, but the members are all the same.

At this time J. Kimmel stated that he asked for the joint meeting to be held to confirm what is taking place at the City of Arcadia landfill. He introduced John Herzog who explained the project. The explanation included: clean-up and the industrial innovation district which is comprised of business, education, and industrial areas. R. Tuschner asked who retains ownership. J. Kimmel stated that Green Alliance Holdings now owns it; the Town of Arcadia has had no liability; would like the Town of Arcadia to serve as a partner as the applicant because the Town is a neighboring township; and the contaminants may be meandering into the Township. Terry Madden clarified that the City of Arcadia owned the landfill until 2 months ago; it was annexed in 1991; and explained the State Statute on the annexation. J. Kimmel stated that the Town will benefit from the clean-up and taxation if business grows. The discussion continued about the sharing; opportunities for building; Town of Arcadia and City of Arcadia use agreements; the 40 acre site; detachment; non-profit organization; and cost and liability has been on the City of Arcadia. J. Herzog spoke about state designation and federal designation; December 19, 2014 deadline; the process of the application and the Brownfield designation for 3 years; groundwater; soils; the unknown extent of contamination and unknown contaminants; and a separate grant for clean-up. Discussion continued on State of Wisconsin assistance; Department of Natural Resources involvement; and who has the authority. M. Chitko asked about the greater acreage of contamination and looking at the broader picture, and what to do with the plan beyond. J. Kimmel stated that these topics are for a future conversation. This project is just for the 40 acres. J. Herzog gave background on what has been done and what the future steps include: a public hearing, people time/administrative, and WEDC possibly coming up with some money. If the Town of Arcadia does not participate this project is done. Discussion continued about the deadline and costs. R. Tuschner stated that he didn't like the immediacy of this project; questions have not been answered; the absent board member needed to be contacted for his input (by phone); and not making a decision tonight. M. Chitko also asked to have input from I. Pronschinske and asked about the deadline. J. Herzog stated that to use the data they would have to have an answer by tomorrow, so they could get things ready this week for submission. It was decided by R. Tuschner and M. Chitko to give preliminary approval. Monday or Tuesday would be adequate time to let J. Herzog know definitively. M. Chitko asked what would happen if the Town of Arcadia said no. J. Kimmel stated that the City of Arcadia would file with the WEDC, and the number of jobs and acreage increase would be done a different way. Randy Conrad stated that this is not just a City of Arcadia problem and referenced homes in North Creek. He talked about a disaster area and asked what would happen if the Town of Arcadia said no. J. Herzog stated that there is a guarantee of a year to do the project or to investigate other avenues. Discussion continued on the cost of monitoring done by the City of Arcadia; the spikes in the monitoring wells; the need to do something; technology; wells have been tested quarterly for several years; and the unknown future. M. Chitko asked for

information on Green Alliance Holdings. J. Herzog gave some information on other sites, looking for a solution to handle the problem, and the 3 year process if the funding can be obtained. R. Tuschner will contact J. Herzog on Monday or Tuesday. The public will be notified when they know what they are working with.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Killian
Town of Arcadia Clerk