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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 21, 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. Also open meeting certifications were met for the Trempealeau County Unit meeting of the WTA, Open Book, and 2014 spring clean-up day. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present: Chairman Ronald Tuschner and Supervisors Ivan Pronschinske and Mike Wineski. Also present were the attached list of residents.

R. Tuschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by I. Pronschinske to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Wineski to approve the minutes of April 15, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Wineski to approve disbursements of April 21, 2014. Discussion was held about the Clerk's pension. A suggestion was made to create this as Board Policy. This will be on the next agenda. Reimbursement from Invesco was received for monies put into accounts in error. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Discussion was held about the quarterly reports (which is a detailed list of expenditures) and how often this should be reviewed. Each meeting disbursement gives detailed information. It was decided to print out one copy each quarter for the board to review, which will be kept in the office. Each Board member will receive a copy prior to the time of working on the annual budget. All of this information can be found on the computer. Francis Sonsalla asked if pictures could be attached to the computer of the condition of each road and repairs completed. R. Tuschner stated, yes, this can be done. R. Tuschner thanked the Deputy Clerk, Clerk, and Treasurer for providing this information.

At 7:14 p.m. R. Tuschner opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the April 21, 2014, agenda. Ray Kamrowski commented on the annual report and the break down of salaries of the Board members and the Road Crew. He would also like the wages of the Election Workers printed. He referenced tax books from 2008. He commented on the Clerk and Treasurer positions and the newly combined position. I. Pronschinske stated that his salary was \$2,400.00 last year. He stated that the discussion at last year's annual meeting was to give the election workers \$10.00 per hour. M. Wineski stated that this information is open records to the public. F. Sonsalla asked how questions get answered. R. Tuschner told him to call a Board member or the Clerk to get an item on the agenda. He then explained

the open meeting law and the public comment and suggestions portion of the meeting. M. Wineski agreed with R. Kamrowski that everything should be listed on the annual report. Discussion continued on the annual report. The treasurer completed the report. Robert Kupietz asked about the Board decisions on sand mines and how they are made. M. Wineski stated that the Board has the authority to recommend or not recommend conditional use permits to the County for a sand mine, but the County makes the final decision. R. Kupietz commented on the Town of Arcadia, Trempealeau County, and the City of Arcadia working together. He continued his comments about annexations. He suggested the 3 entities to find a suitable spot for sand mines. I. Pronschinske stated that the Board made recommendations and forwarded them to the County's Land Management Committee. That committee makes the decision. R. Kupietz stated that he has no problems with the sand mines. He asked when the Town of Arcadia and the City of Arcadia met. R. Tuschner stated that the Town of Arcadia has tried to meet and compromise, but have not been successful. R. Kamrowski asked for more discussion from the people. M. Wineski stated that the people made the motion to combine the clerk and treasurer position, and it was voted on. Discussion continued about attendance at meetings. I. Pronschinske stated that at an annual meeting anyone may bring up anything and a vote can be taken. Discussion was held about where agendas are posted and specifically the annual meeting being posted in the regular places, the internet (website), and the newspaper. R. Tuschner stated the last election only had a 9% turn out. People are advised of the meeting, but it is the people's responsibility to come to the meeting. F. Sonsalla discussed the simplicity of the agenda, the lack of concern of the people, the lack of answers given to the people, the opinion of the people, and the approach given to the people. People want to be heard. Discussion continued about the turn out of people at meetings and contacts of the Board members outside of meetings. R. Tuschner stated that the Board members represent all of the Town of Arcadia. F. Sonsalla asked for a vote on sand mine issues. I. Pronschinske referenced his past position on the City Council and the building of Ashley, the TIF district, and the decision made at that time. He stated that if someone doesn't like a Board member, they can vote him off the board. F. Sonsalla stated that the Board members are elected by the people to represent them. R. Kupietz stated that the sand mine in Thompson Valley is good. M. Wineski commented about previous meetings, people's comments, and the length of meetings. F. Sonsalla thanked the Board for listening to the comments made. R. Tuschner commented about other open meetings he has attended, the Town of Arcadia's comment and suggestions sections, and then he closed the public comments at 7:44 p.m.

Approval of Operators License for Samantha Marie Olson

The Clerk presented the information for Ms. Olson. All requirements have been met. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by I. Pronschinske to approve the operator license for Samantha Marie Olson. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Update on Rainey Valley Bridge Re-opening

R. Tuschner stated that the County is working on it. He didn't like what he saw, so he researched the minutes. Discussion was held about the black top, railings, conversation with Jerry Puchalla, double railings, removal of crushed rock and blacktop, barricades and their purchase, painted posts, County time, Road Crew time, and the cost of the temporary bridge. M. Wineski stated that the project should be finished by the County and then the Town of Arcadia will clean up whatever needs to be done. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by I. Pronschinske to purchase four-five foot concrete barricades/traffic dividers. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Update on Thompson Valley Road Project

The Clerk gave an update on when the papers were signed and the check amounts that were sent in to Timbers-Selissen-Rudolph Land Specialists, Inc. The information of the property transfers will be registered with the Register of Deeds of Trempealeau County. The next step will be the process of deciding how to let the bids out for the project. This will be on the next agenda. I. Pronschinske asked if all checks would be controlled by the Town of Arcadia. R. Tuschner confirmed that it would. Reimbursements would be made, so there will be no cost to the Town of Arcadia. The project was explained. R. Kupietz questioned the bid process. Explanation was given that the engineers would give the specifications and anyone, including Arcadia Sands, may bid.

Cameron Rail Site LLC Letter of Intent

Randy Spangler presented and read the attached letter. R. Tuschner asked questions about the last paragraph of page 2 and the bottom of the paragraph 3 on page 1. Page 1 questions were why there were no sand representatives on the moratorium committee and the “public comments from Trempealeau County officials that Trempealeau County did not need jobs, coupled with a complete anti business transformation and mindset”. He requested R. Spangler to explain this because it tied in with the last paragraph; (see attached letter). This ties in with comments made earlier by the people speaking here earlier about working together. R. Spangler stated the comment from the public official was made in two separate situations, one of which was documented on October 9, 2013, about the unemployment rate in Trempealeau County. It was also stated to him personally, with witnesses, at a later meeting this winter. As a business owner, employer, and taxpayer, these comments are very troubling to me. He then went on to discuss the government deciding who works and who doesn’t; who betters themselves and who doesn’t; he was at the AllEnergy job fair. He talked about that experience and how the applicants want to better themselves. He stated that the sand industry isn’t the best thing in the world; it has its issues; but which industry doesn’t? He stated other industries that weren’t perfect. No one is forcing anyone to work at a sand mine, but when 300 people come to apply and ask about a new job, who is it up to tell them you don’t need a job. He continued to explain what happens at other counties. I. Pronschinske spoke about Monroe County wanting more business, and Trempealeau County is chasing business away. In February, the Arcadia Town Board voted to send a recommendation to approve what was going to be done at the Guza Sand Mine. What township wouldn’t want the expansion? He then talked about the previous trip to Barron County and the operation there. He talked about the taxes there; and then he asked about the April agenda and not being on it. R. Spangler stated that they refused to hear it in April, gave no reason, and kept backing it off. I. Pronschinske asked if May was too late, and stated that he hates to see this go out of the township. R. Spangler stated that if it got past May, they were going to walk away and go to do another project in another county. He talked about the elections; “more people being put on there, that were definitely, which actually is illegal, you can’t come onto on a county or town board with a preconceived notion of an agenda. You shouldn’t be voting on the project to begin with. So a lot of what goes on when they do that is actually illegal”. I. Pronschinske spoke about the husband, who is a county board member and the wife who is on the ELCU committee. He asked if this was on the agenda for May, and it was turned down, then could you go to the City of Independence. He asked if every exhaustive thing could be done. R. Spangler stated that they refused to hear this before the election. I. Pronschinske stated that now the election is over. R. Spangler stated that they now have a 60 day waiting period to get through the process to get back to a meeting with them. So now we are in July. M. Wineski stated that they are not giving them a chance or to hear their case. R. Kupietz asked about the location. R. Spangler stated that this is an existing facility. I. Pronschinske stated that all they wanted to do was build a building and explained the process that would be used. R. Spangler stated that there will be another issue; they won’t approve the height variance. If they get approved, they would have to go before the board of adjustment for the height variance. F. Sonsalla asked why this wasn’t done ahead of time; why are you waiting until crunch time, and you’ve got to have it now. The Board members stated no, that is not it. F. Sonsalla asked again what is it; why you need it now. R. Spangler stated because at some point a decision needs to be made; you need to pick the best possible route or work with the best people that want to work with you. R. Kupietz asked if this was the best possible route. R. Spangler stated, yes; it is the best possible route; it is better to work with the people in townships that want to work with you and work with the city and people in the city that want to work with you, that want you to be there. F. Sonsalla stated that he was not aware of Superior Sands and that is why he was asking the questions. He was not aware that they had been running for awhile, now you are running into deadlines, and the decision needs to be made. R. Spangler stated that they attempted to get on the County Board agenda, but basically have been stonewalled since February. They said they could not get us on; maybe they could get us on in May. R. Kupietz asked if this would keep trucks off the road. R. Spangler stated, yes, and explained how it would go out on rail. R. Tuschner spoke about other companies. I. Pronschinske stated that we already sent the OK in February up to the County level. It was supposed to be on the April agenda, but someone in the County wanted to push it off until the new elected officials would be on. R. Spangler answered the question about trucking; that there is some trucking, but they are using the state highway. He explained the route. F. Sonsalla asked if the Guza Mine could rail their sand over to Hi Crush. R. Spangler stated that this is another company and they have different customers with different grades of sand. I. Pronschinske stated that his question has been answered: it doesn’t look like the Town of Arcadia has any chance in this, staying in the township; it will be an annexation to Independence; and we will lose 489 acres. R. Spangler said the other, biggest issue of the County is

that they would not even consider hearing the proposal of building the railroad site, because they are calling it mining. He continued talking about railroads and what they are called and what they may haul. They are on hold for the next year until Sally Miller decides what is best for the County for her health department; to even ask for permission to put in a railroad site. R. Kupietz stated that we need a railroad spur to make this as simple as possible and to find the best spot. R. Tuschner stated that there is bias in the letter, and you don't have to read between the lines. R. Spangler stated that he wrote this last week; he wanted to get to the heart of it; and it is time to get this out for what it really is. I. Pronschinske stated that the majority of people don't understand why the townships are losing land to annexation. F. Sonsalla stated that the mines are running to the city to get away from the ordinances. R. Spangler stated that the mines are going to the cities; because there is absolutely no way they are going to get one from the County. The cities are in favor of this, because they can see the implications of the tax base coming in, the jobs coming in, and the amounts of money brought into the economy. How that money is managed is another program. F. Sonsalla talked about the AllEnergy resolution and annexation into the City of Arcadia. M. Wineski asked to stay on the letter. F. Sonsalla stated that the County should be handling it better. I. Pronschinske stated that it is out of our hands. R. Tuschner stated that it is a well known fact that the Town of Arcadia Board has recommended the approval of this project. He gave his feelings and opinions of what has been happening in the past. This letter hits the nail on the head. He personally does not want you to leave the Town of Arcadia and will try to do whatever we can to keep you in the Town of Arcadia. You have hit a stone wall at the County. He didn't mind the moratorium, but when the committee doesn't have even one member from the sand mines, that spells bias. R. Tuschner recommends that this letter be accepted by the Town of Arcadia; that the letter be put in the paper so people can see what is going on; and why we cannot work together in a compromising situation. A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by I. Pronschinske to accept this letter as written, and he will attach support to you people, because he doesn't want to see business going out of Trempealeau County. Discussion was held about putting this letter into the paper. M. Wineski didn't want this to be personal and agreed for the Township to accept the letter. The battle is not ours. I. Pronschinske stated that when/if the City of Independence annexes the Guza Mine, Trempealeau County will not lose. The agreement was made that the only one who loses is the Town of Arcadia, everyone else does not lose. Explanation was given about the 5 year reimbursements made when annexation occurs. R. Kamrowski discussed the annexation and Town of Arcadia taxpayers not benefitting. Clarification of the motion was made. The Board will stay neutral on putting the letter in the paper. F. Sonsalla stated that he is OK if the mine is done right. The Guza Mine is in the right place, has already been approved, and this will make it better. He is concerned about the overload of too many mines. R. Spangler stated that if Superior goes with this, it will probably end most of the rest of the mines coming here. Superior is coming here for the reason of diversification of shipping a lot of sand to CN and the ability to take some sand to Winona for loading on UP, CP, and barge to fill all of their niche markets. This will take most of the loading capabilities in Winona, because there is not a lot there; and all of the other little things won't have any capacity. F. Sonsalla reference All Energy and possibility of getting trucks from other places to come to their facility. I. Pronschinske stated that AllEnergy is all incorporated; any other sand that might come in would be from Suchlas. F. Sonsalla stated the reason he was at the meeting is to find out more information. R. Spangler invited everyone in Trempealeau County to visit Barron and Chippewa Counties. They are crying for more, because it is so good. The township is begging for another plant. People are getting jobs. The little bit of good that has come out here in this area is Badger Mines and Preferred. These are the examples that people can see. F. Sonsalla stated that he doesn't mind seeing this mine expanded or Superior, but he doesn't want to see little pockets firing up all over. R. Spangler stated that you will not see this. The days of selling raw sand or even wet washed sand are probably gone. It's got to be the finished product, because the price has gone down to where it is big players and big markets. R. Kupietz mentioned sand mines that have sold off to other sand mines and the agreements. Discussion was held about Arcadia Sand and having city regulations. M. Wineski called for the question. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Request for 10 Hour Days from Road Crew

Randy Conrad requested 10 hour days to coordinate with Trempealeau County hours. The Road Crew would work out among them to make sure someone is available on Fridays. M. Wineski had no problem with this as long as one person is available. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Wineski to go to four 10 hour days starting Monday, April 28 thorough Labor Day for a year. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Speed Limit Posting on Alternate Roads of Highway 93 Detour (Jackson Road, Plum Creek Road, Bisek Road, Square Bluff, Church Hill Road, and North Creek Road)

I. Pronschinske did not see a need for this unless a problem occurs. R. Tuschner checked with the WTA attorney. Nothing can be done temporarily on Town roads for speed limits unless the road is under construction. This is done for safety of the road crew working on the road; otherwise it is a 55 speed limit. No action taken.

Bids for Mower

Discussion was held about the bids that were opened at the last meeting. R. Conrad asked about rear discharge. Discussion was held about diesel vs. gas and air cooled vs. water cooled. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by I. Pronschinske to give the chairman the authority to purchase a mower from either D & D Farm Supply or Value Implement, whichever is cheaper, on a diesel mower, to trade in the old mower, and if a loaner would be available if needed. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Office Computer

B. Killian presented the quote from Carl Sendelbach. The comparison with the suggestions from BCC Services LLC was comparable. The cost is approximately \$1,000.00. A motion was made by M. Wineski and seconded by I. Pronschinske to purchase the computer from Mr. Sendelbach with the items listed including the 24 inch screen. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Request to Make a Donation to the Arcadia School District for Artificial Turf

The Town of Arcadia cannot make donations to other individuals or organizations. No action taken.

Final Payment of the Short Term Loan at the State Bank of Arcadia

A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by M. Wineski to make the final payment of the short term loan to the State Bank of Arcadia. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. The Town of Arcadia is debt free.

Pay Increase for Head Election Inspector

R. Tuschner has had 3 calls about increasing the head election inspector's, Diane Walske, wages. There is additional paperwork and has been an increase in the amount of elections. The current wage is \$8.00 per hour. Discussion was held about previous discussions on increases at the annual meeting; current wages; City of Arcadia election worker wages; and responsibilities and duties of the head election inspector. A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by I. Pronschinske to increase the head election inspector wage to \$11.50 per hour. Discussion continued on the increase and the rationale for the increase. The other election workers' increase will be on the next agenda, to be increased to \$10.00. M. Wineski stated that this was quite a jump from \$8.00 to \$11.50 when the City of Arcadia gets \$8.00. They don't work that much, but it is a lot; over a 30% increase in wages. Discussion continued about last year's annual meeting; to increase \$1.00 per year up to \$10.00. R. Kamrowski asked how many hours the election workers work. B. Killian stated it is approximately 15 ½ hours per election. The motion passed 2-1.

Update on Trempealeau County Dog License Reimbursement

Paul Syverson, Trempealeau County Clerk, stated that the Executive & Finance Committee has not discussed this again. So there is no decision yet. The County Board is reorganizing, and he will see if it gets put back on the agenda.

Hall Rental Agreements Reimbursements

Discussion was held about the security deposits from the past several renters. I. Pronschinske stated that we have someone hired at \$15.00 per hour, she cleans up, any damage done is replaced, and that amount is withheld from the security deposit. B. Killian asked about how the cleaning person can clean when there are events back to back on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; do all renters get docked the same amount; which renter gets docked. M. Wineski stated that if the last person left the room unclean, they are just as guilty as the first person. I. Pronschinske stated that if someone comes in, and there is a problem; they should note it. B. Killian stated that there is a pre-inspection and post-

inspection sheet. I. Pronschinske stated that if there was something written on the sheet, that is the person that pays. R. Tuschner talked about the liability issue of unsupervised children, putting decorations on the lights and walls, and music too loud. If someone calls him and he has to come in to inspect or check, there will be no deposit. Mileage and per diem will be charged. If the floors aren't cleaned, call Tammy, and don't return the deposit amount for the cleaning charge. Discussion continued with liability issues: children putting rocks in mailboxes or on top of the roofs, out playing by the sheds, or moving things to the ponds; the person's name is kept; the full deposit is kept; they are put on the "black list"; and are no longer able to rent the hall. If you don't abide by the rules, you cannot rent. If the Clerk or inspector notices any of these things just listed, the Board will back you. Discussion was held about the rules and rental fees.

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

The Road Crew has been cutting brush, repairing culverts, and working on the Rainey Valley Bridge. In the future the Road Crew will take the lead on these projects.

Correspondence: Trempealeau County Treasurer Letter on Split Parcels---changing on how split parcels are handled on the tax roll which will take effect on the 2014 tax year. The copy is in the office. The WTA meeting is in Ettrick in tomorrow. A Public Service Commission of Wisconsin letter notifying the Town of Arcadia of a requested increase in rates by the City of Arcadia, which affects our street lights, was received. The Road Crew will be attending a safety meeting on April 30.

Discussion was held about the next meeting date and time. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Wineski to set the next regular Town of Arcadia Board meeting for Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote. R. Tuschner made a reminder of spring clean-up on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Agenda items were discussed previously. A list is in the office.

R. Tuschner adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Killian
Town of Arcadia Clerk