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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, September 22, 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 posted were the Notice of Fall Town & Village Workshop on September 16, 2014 and the Notice of Arcadia-Glencoe Fire board meeting on September 29, 2014. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Ronald Tuschner and Supervisors Michael Chitko and Ivan Pronschinske. Also present were the attached list of residents.

Gary Haines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was a little different procedure for approval of the minutes from what was learned at the Fall Town & Village Workshop. The corrections to the minutes will be discussed first and those corrections will be included in the motion for approval of the minutes. I. Pronschinske referred to page 2 in his comments on the values of homes. He read off several homes and places with the assessed values and what they were sold for. The original minutes stated: **His point was that if you lived next to a sand mine that the houses are not going for full sale value.**

Corrected: That is not what I meant. If I said that I stand to be corrected. What I meant was that if you live next to a sand mine, from the stuff I have collected, it seems that houses are going for assessed value and much more.

He talked about his examples and the sale price being way above the assessed value. M. Chitko asked if someone reading that would see that and put the numbers together and do the math, or do you want to make a note that they are going for more than assessed value. I. Pronschinske stated that the correction should be: **They are going for more than way the assessed value; almost double the assessed value, not quite double, but almost double.** Because that was the concern of the people that being next to a sand mine, I will be selling for less than assessed value. That is not the pattern that I see. If you know of someone that sold for less than what the value is, let me know. B. Killian asked if the correction should be: **Your point was that you meant that houses and property are going for more than the assessed value, almost double.** I. Pronschinske agreed.

R. Tuschner asked about the comments from Jon Schultz and his last sentence: **Jon Schultz stated that briefly he wanted to apologize to some people. There is a number of people in the community that because of their relationships with the plaintiffs against the County, he is not able to talk to them about that topic. He is not trying to avoid talking to them, but he has been advised not to talk about that matter with certain groups of people.** He felt that this was an incorrect statement, because if he can talk to some groups but not others; we need clarification on that. Maybe Jon should come in and clarify what he meant. A red flag came up; if you can talk to certain groups, but not others, that's not the way our laws work; as far as confidentiality. **B. Killian was instructed to call J. Schultz and clarify what he meant.** He stated that we are not picking on anyone, but if you say something we want it to be correct in the official minutes. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014 as per the corrections that have been stated and/or clarification that has been requested. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Discussion was held about check number 18888 to Trempealeau County Highway Department for Calvary Cemetery. I Pronschinske will check on that tomorrow. This disbursement should be withheld until verification is made. The re-bill should be sent to Dennis Kiehl.

R. Tuschner talked about seal coating and crack sealing and mentioned that it does not take long to spend money on road maintenance. Discussion was held about the roads that were completed and rock that was hauled. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the disbursements of September 22, 2014 with the exception of the one for Calvary Cemetery. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

At 7:15 p.m. R. Tuschner opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the September 22, 2014 agenda. There were no comments from the public. R. Tuschner closed the public comments at 7:15 p.m.

Comments from the Board: The board members will wait until the people that asked questions previously are present at the meeting to respond. I. Pronschinske commented that no one has ever contacted him on his thoughts, opinions, or what the Town's statement is; yet he can be ridiculed in the paper.

Insurance Renewals

Kris Van Acker brought Westland's in today. Gretchen Erickson from Rural Insurance said that because this is not a renewal, she has to go to the reinsurers and has to complete it using the same values. She hoped to have it by next week. Current insurer is Westland Insurance. B. Killian stated that because Rural Insurance does not have our policy they have to go through the underwriters. Right now the underwriters are working on renewals which take priority over new quotes. Discussion was held about the process that will be used. The renewal deadline is December 1. It was decided to have a separate meeting, with both of the representatives present, open to the public, but there will be no public input, just an FYI for the public. B. Killian will check with both insurance representatives on possible dates for the meeting which could be during the daytime hours.

Rezone for Soppa Development from Agriculture to Residential 20

Amber Soppa explained that this is a request to change approximately 32 acres from agriculture to residential 20. Discussion was held about the development plan; a map is on file in the office; the process for the rezone; future development plans; covenant; and possible commercial property rezone. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko that the Soppa Development be rezoned from agriculture to residential 20, the 32 acres, and to send a letter to the ELU Committee and especially to our Town's Association representative, Kathleen Zeglin, to follow the wishes of the Town Board. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

FFA Plot/Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Schank

There will be 1 plot lost at the high school, so Mr. Schank is looking for a replacement. Discussion was held about types of crops planted; different types of students' educational experiences; current use of the area owned by the Town of Arcadia; other possibilities; future use of the Town of Arcadia land; advantages of doing a plot; and the school will keep looking. If there are changes at the Town of Arcadia, let the school know.

Policies and Benefit Handbook

M. Chitko gave a brief update and asked if the other board members had any suggestions. R. Tuschner stated that there are certain things that need to be included for the workers to be covered by insurance; such as safety equipment, clothing, and steel-toed shoes. It was decided that the board look at a handful of chapters at a time to discuss just those few chapters. This could be done at the insurance meeting or allocate 10-15 minutes at a board meeting to look at specific chapters. M. Chitko will contact the Clerk to get the specific chapters on the agenda which will be copied for the other board members for them to look over before the board meeting.

Contingency Plan for Elections

B. Killian stated that not much has been done since the last meeting. A brief discussion was held about where to go if the Town Hall was not available. R. Tuschner will check with Riverland Energy Cooperative. We should have this plan ready before the November election. Discussion was held about the upcoming webinar and election workers possibly attending it.

Shop Phone/Maintenance Agreement with Provider

The phone is currently working in the shop. A representative from Centurylink created a bundle for us which brought down our monthly bill approximately \$10.00. Each additional line cost is \$35.00; unlimited long distance; capable of up to 500 emails; inside wire maintenance is \$7.00 per line; added 20m Bonded Internet to the main line which will provide the wireless phone capabilities M. Chitko asked about; cost including tax for 2 additional lines would be approximately \$160.31 plus the \$14.00 inside wire maintenance; and present bill is \$102.77. Discussion was held about a separate fax line; cloud fax; needing only 1 additional line for the shop with a different number; answering machine for the shop; existing phones; installation fee; additional jack in back of shop; and cordless phone in shop.

Centurylink Application for Korpall Valley Road and Intersection at North Creek Road and Church Hill Road

The 2 applications were discussed. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve both Centurylink Applications. Discussion was held about keeping fiber optics deep enough in the ditches and previous projects. R. Tuschner made an amendment to the motion to include a note or letter attached stating that a minimum of 3 feet in depth at all places, no alterations. If there is rock, that is not the Town of Arcadia's problem, it is Centurylink's problem. The motion with the caveat was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Road Maintenance/Town Roads

R. Tuschner talked about the seminar on roads and Roberts Rules. Discussion was held about the crown on the road and the edge of the crown of the road and how to maintain them: redo the road and raise it up or take the berms on each side of the road off. The berms are crushed rock and these get pushed off during snow plowing. The ditches need to drain the base of the road. This was done on some roads; Howley Lane; a crown is needed; seal coating is worn off; during snow plowing keep on the right both directions to keep more rock and crowns on the blacktop; take ridges off; George Lane; Alseth Lane; road classifications and the design being the same; Lewis Valley; drainage problems; pick and choose roads; snow falls without roads frozen and the loss of rock; sub-base, depth, drainage, ditch, slope, width of roads; and possible roads to work on.

River Valley Road and Cross Road Reconstruction

R. Tuschner met with Ayres Associates, but it is off the table right now. There is discussion taking place with the owners of the sand mine and a violation of the road use agreement. There are no trucks going in or out at this time. Contact has been made with R. Tuschner. Gerke has 2 weeks to haul; they need a road use agreement. Trempealeau County Highway Department will not use it either. We need to be consistent. They will travel a different way.

Mahutga Lane

This road is paved, but there is still shouldering to be completed. M. Chitko asked about the status of Thompson Valley Road. R. Tuschner stated that a pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday this week. Updates on roads will be on the next agenda.

Fire Department Budget and fire Board Meeting on September 29, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting has been posted. The agenda was received from Ryan Sheehy. R. Tuschner explained how this meeting will be held.

Acquisition of Computer

B. Killian gave the status of the old computer. The treasurer has a laptop. Discussion was held about the computer for the shop; the conditions there; computer use by Foreman; ordering parts; phones; and checking the weather. Revisit this when more information is known and during the budget process.

Set Budget Meeting & Moratorium Committee Results Discussion Dates

Discussion was held about the number of meetings being held and the moratorium committee results/summary. It was decided to focus on the budget; budget items were discussed; the reduction in the levy due to the loan being paid off; special meeting to increase the levy limit; and possible budget meeting dates: September 25, October 6, and October 8.

Announcement: Clerk will be out of the Office from October 1 to October 5

Update by Town of Arcadia Road Crew on Town of Arcadia projects, maintenance, and equipment

Three culverts have been replaced; blade patching in potholes; mowing is nearing completion; Korpall Valley Lane and Jaszewski Lane have had ditching done; updates on three plows; road use agreement on Joe Rossa Lane; County has a road use agreement on County Road T, but no agreement on Joe Rossa Lane with Town of Arcadia because nothing is being hauled out on it; discussion continued on the use of Joe Rossa Lane; bucket list is nearing completion; number of road crew workers will decrease from 4 to 3; mowing will continue; trimming in cemetery; stones in cemetery; debris and manure on Jaszewski Lane and keeping track of time and equipment on it for reimbursement; Jason is working out well; preparing for snowfall; Jon's review will be held in executive session; and upcoming fall clean up.

Correspondence: There is a note from the Clerk about the situation discussed previously. A letter was received from Trempealeau County Humane Society stating that there will be a new director. R. Tuschner talked about the bridge inspections on several bridges

and the changes. Soppa Road should be blacktopped before winter. Mahutga Lane is completed except for the shouldering. The Trempealeau County Hazardous Waste and E-Collection Program will be held October 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the facility in Galesville. I. Pronschinske asked about the number of tapes available, to condense the minutes, the length of the minutes, and the time to prepare them. B. Killian stated that the typed minutes are the official record of the meeting and there needs to be enough detail to show what was discussed. She tries to condense the minutes, but people give her the comments and want them to be included in the minutes. I. Pronschinske stated to just state the motion; the vote; and leave the chit chat out. M. Chitko asked about standards and requirements. R. Tuschner has not seen any specific standards. The depth has been helpful in going back to check out questions. I. Pronschinske stated that it could be condensed and just the important stuff should be included. B. Killian stated that the tape is not the official record; it is the typed minutes.

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

R. Tuschner adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Killian
Town of Arcadia Clerk