

# TOWN OF ARCADIA

Trempealeau County



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## Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Schultz at 7:02 p.m. Open meeting certifications were met. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Jon Schultz and Supervisors Barb Tock and Donna Brogan. A list of residents that attended the meeting is attached.

Jon Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Barb Tock and seconded by Donna Brogan to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the minutes of the June 8th Regular Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the disbursements of June 22, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:06 p.m. J. Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the June 22, 2015 agenda.

\*\*Mike Chitko – asked if the Clerk/Treasurer could review the recording from the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. He stated that Beth Killian made a comment regarding a past report, and wanted her statement to be included. He then asked that an amended version of the minutes be submitted to the website.

After the third call Jon Schultz closed the Public comment section at 7:08 p.m.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **Presentation of building plans for chicken coop – Gary George:** A visual summary was presented to the Board by G. George. His request from the Board was for a letter of support from the Township that he could present to the County. Questions were raised by the Board regarding how many birds will the coop hold, if he is under the animal units limit (yes), the age of his existing coop (which is 6 years old), and whether everything is in order with Gold'n Plump. A representative was present and responded positively to the question. He stated that Trempealeau County has completed the testing and is happy with the site location. Ivan Pronschinske asked if

there was a policy regarding chicken coops; i.e. were the neighbors within a mile radius going to be contacted to alert them of the new coop? The County stated that they were going to contact the adjoining neighbors (Waniorek, Pronschinske; Kulas) and requested a list which G. George supplied. A question was raised by Barb Tock whether it is mandatory for George to appear before the board. He stated that the County requires it. Donna Brogan stated that in the future it would be a good idea for the Town Board to create a policy. A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Jon Schultz to submit the letter of support. The vote passed unanimously. Further discussion ensued with Mike Chitko asking about air/odor testing. It was stated by the GNP representative that this particular test is only voluntary. There is mandatory water testing, though, which George has completed. The testing has shown that he is well within the limits and there are no issues.

- **Fireworks permit for Jeff Grulkowski:** An application was received from Jeff Grulkowski to allow fireworks on his property. After a small amount of discussion Jon Schultz made a motion and Donna Brogan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Letter of Support for Ambulance service:** Due to the first letter of support getting lost at the State, a new letter was drafted. Motion made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the letter and send on. The vote passed unanimously.
- **Availability of Water Testing Kits:** N. Rohn spoke in regards to water testing kits from the UW Extension office that are now available at the Town Hall. There are three types: nitrates (\$14.70 - supplemented), metals (\$13.50 - supplemented), and pesticides (\$27.00 – not supplemented).
- **Spring Clean-up Review:** Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Rohn reviewed the income and expenses from the annual spring clean-up. The income from constituents and scrap metal was \$1124. Expenses to dispose of items were \$2317.50. The final cost to the township was \$1193.50. Comments: N. Rohn stated that in the future the Township will need to police what is thrown into the dumpsters; stage the dumpsters closer together; possibly have a 3<sup>rd</sup> clean-up day to minimize the over-flow; make sure there is more signage; and that everyone must pay before they go through the line. John Jasin stated that the Vocational schools should be called as they may take televisions and computers for their classrooms. Jon Olson commented that there may be a possibility that Best Buy may take televisions; will investigate. Ron Tuschner feels that even though the Town had expenses it was still cheap.
- **Road Crew Wages – health care issue:** After further review with the Wisconsin Towns Association as well as other townships it was determined that the best route to go regarding the health care reimbursement to Road Crew employees was to label the monthly stipend as “supplemental income”. By doing so there will not be an overtime issue as the monthly stipend is not part of the hourly wage. A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Donna Brogan to reclassify to “supplemental income”. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Prioritizing Road Projects:** Jon Schultz toured the roads with the County Highway Department. Donna Brogan spoke with Dave Lyga as well. He stated that the Township can do whatever is needed with the co-aid funds, and has provided estimates for road expenses. He also recommended paving the intersection of Highway 95 to Hooterville. Jon Olson asked about the adding a shoulder to North Creek Road, stating that it would help keep the blacktop in better shape. Comments were made that both River Valley and Norway Valley were seal coated approximately 10 years ago. Ron Tuschner stated that the sand mine paid for double seal coating a stretch of road from Wineski’s to the highway. Also, he added that during the budgeting process we have to have a road plan in mind for the following year. For example, if we want \$300K of road work done we need to come up with our part of the costs which would be 60%, or \$180,000. Roads in general are extremely expensive. If we were to do Lewis Valley, it would cost \$75K to seal coat, and completing a two inch overlay would be an additional \$560,000. Per Tuschner, it would take 4 to 5 million dollars to get the roads in top form. The Board needs to prioritize roads, possibly only do sections at a time. John Jasin asked how many one lane bridges we have. Tuschner stated that anything under 20 feet is considered one lane. Continued discussion ensued on other roads including Thompson Valley. Ron Tuschner thought it would be best to get private bids so that we can compare with County estimates. He told the Board that it is best to work on the specs during the winter months so that decisions are made before the weather clears. Barb Tock stated that there is \$64,000 set aside for co-aid which will carry over to next year if not used. Gary George stated that blading needs to be done properly. After further

discussion Donna Brogan stated that she felt River Valley does not need to be done and instead feels that North Creek Road or Norway Valley should be the focus. Tuschner commented that we are in a time crunch and need to make some decisions. At that time the subject was tabled.

- **IOH Representative:** Jon Schultz started the discussion by stating that he felt a prior decision to make Jon Olson the Implements of Husbandry should be overturned. Since the Board members are bonded, it would be better for one of them to become the representative. It was also brought up that once a permit comes through it is inherently approved if the person does not hear a response within six weeks. Chairman Schultz asked Barb Tock if she would be willing to become the representative and she agreed. A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Jon Schultz to nominate Barb Tock as the IOH Representative. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Closed session:** A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded to go into Barb Tock to go into closed sessions. A roll call vote was taken at 8:05 p.m.; the vote carried unanimously.
- **Open session** – At 8:22 p.m. a motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to enter back into open session. A roll call vote was taken; the vote carried unanimously. At this time an update was given concerning the Independence annexation lawsuit (response to Darlene Rossa’s questions from previous meetings). The Town Board has hired Kostner, Koslo, and Brovold along with Hale/Skemp out of La Crosse to represent the township. One of the questions posed was how much the Town was going to spend on legal expense. The attorney’s fees were presented to the audience (\$185 an hour for attorney, and \$90 for a paralegal). Darlene Rossa asked if there was a cap for expenses. The Board responded by saying that at this time they had agreed to pursue the first step only. Mike Chitko asked whether or not the Towns of Burnside and Lincoln would be joining. Chairman Schultz answered that this is only concerning the Town of Arcadia. Ivan Pronschinske asked if the judge already ruled on this why does the Town Board want to challenge? Schultz answered that the Board is questioning the “unanimous decision”. A hearing will be held July 1 to determine if the Town of Arcadia can join the existing lawsuit.

At the end of the meeting Ron Tuschner asked if the Town had received any correspondence from attorney Bruce Brovold in regards to the Cameron Rail road use agreement. He was told that it would be reviewed during the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Ray Weltzien, email from Department of Land Management regarding the public hearing to consider a proposal for a height variance by FML Sand; and Cross Road/River Road email concerning the field survey and wetland delineation.

**Confirm next meeting date:** Monday, July 13th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn  
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer

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TOWN OF ARCADIA  
Board Meeting Sign In Sheet

Board Meeting of June 22, 2015

NAME	COMPLETE ADDRESS
Gary George	N 25001 CTH J Arcadia WI
H. Juan Wojcik	N 24201 Sh Rd. 93 L.I.
Raymond J. Kucowski	N 24918 Thompson VY Rd Arcadia
David Jan Pappal	W 28443 Bill Valley Rd Arcadia WI
Becky Sivens	W 23022 Norway Va, Arcadia
Mark + Linda Becker	W 27277 Pathview Ln, Arcadia
JOHN JASIN	W 23379 GZULKOWSKI LN ARCADIA
Vicki Maciosek	N 32679 River Valley Rd Arcadia
Ron Tuschner	W 21958 Holcomb Coule Rd Lakeville
Ellen Czaplewski	N 30556 N. CREEK RD ARCADIA
Dan Strzyzewski	N 30556 N. CREEK RD ARCADIA
Beth Killian	N 26509 JOE ROSSA LANE ARCADIA
Mike Chertog	W 24402 Ramo Vly Rd, Arcadia
<del>John</del>	W 21815 <del>RV</del> 95
Tom Morkint	W 17651 Alu Byp Rd Blaine
Bob	Arcadia
Jeff Bawek	Arcadia
James Ron Fitting	CTH Rd
Kay M Proschinski	Parkview lane Arc.
David J. ...	Arcadia
DeLaine Catyue	"
Ed Polys	
Paul Smith	Arcadia
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