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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 5, 2015 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, Supervisor Ivan Pronschinske. Supervisor Michael Chitko was not physically at the meeting but was available via telephone speaker call. 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. Chitko to adopt the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on December 15, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the minutes of the Special Town of Arcadia Board meeting on December 17, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to approve the minutes of the Special Town of Arcadia Board meeting on December 19, 2014. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by R. Tuschner and seconded by I. Pronschinske to approve the disbursements of January 5, 2015. R. Tuschner commented that the disbursement for Mr. Larry Kopp was held for the telephone repair at the last Board Meeting. R. Tuschner spoke to Road Crew Foreman, Jon Olson, and Mr. Kopp was at the Town Shop to repair the telephone. R. Tuschner wanted to make sure the telephone is working, and if so, the disbursement should be mailed to Mr. Kopp. I. Pronschinske asked if Thompson Valley has been paid. R. Tuschner confirmed that it had been paid. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Fourth Quarter Quarterly Reports - N. Rohn advised the Board that when she receives the December 2014 statement from the Arcadia State Bank, she would provide the Board with the 4th quarter financial reports.

At 7:07 p.m. R. Tuschner opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the January 5, 2015 agenda..

Robert Kupietz asked the Board if a white line can be placed down the middle of the road on Thompson Valley Road. He continued that if you go down Thompson Valley you will see both edges of the road from the sand mine. A judgment call was made by who ever to let the sand mine go through that road. Will you add a centerline or add two feet to each side of the road. There is no grass on the road. I. Pronschinske stated the road was finished with concrete this past winter.

The road will be looked at in spring but there will be no painting done at this time. Robert Kupietz expressed that the road is not wide enough for the sand mine trucks. The trucks are driving over the center of the road. I. Pronschinske stated there could be a white line put on new construction. 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 that Wayne Skroch, who was on the Independence City Council Board, passed away the day after Christmas. There were no other comments from the Board.

School Board Update on Middle School Building and School District by Louie Ferguson

Mr. Louie Ferguson provided an update on the Middle School Building to all those in attendance of this meeting. He began by stating that a mailing should have been received right after Thanksgiving to give the community an update on the project. One of the biggest changes is that 1.5 million dollars had to be cut from the project. Those items cut from the project were lockers, a music storage area, and a new gym. The project will begin in April. What will look differently is that the road on the north side of the building will be gone. The new Fairfield Avenue when completed will have all new curb and gutter.

The School Board and Administration met with the architect, building consultant, and the contractor on the 22 of December to finalize the plans. The plans will be sent out for bid next week. There will be roughly a month out for bid and the bids will be opened on February 11, 2015. It will take about one month to award the bids. The construction would be right around April.

The project will take approximately 11 months with a completion date of approximately March 2016. There are a few months in which to make sure everything is working properly; like the air conditioning, etc. The move in the new building will be done in the summer. Sometime in the middle of August there will be a grand opening. The students will have use of the school in September 2016.

Draft of Policies and Benefit Handbook

M. Chitko is in charge of this project. Since he was at home recuperating from being ill, but was on the telephone via speaker, this item will be tabled. R. Tuschner requested that M. Chitko to contact Beth or Elva to let them know when he would like it put back on the agenda.

Letter to City Council on Cooperation on all Matters Pertinent to Both Municipalities

R. Tuschner stated that we talked about this letter and it should be a public letter requesting that we meet periodically so that we can jointly speak to and or talk to on items of interest between both municipalities along with a joint commitment or policy that we can work together on things such as annexation etc so that the land does not have to leave the Town of Arcadia. Other townships have this type of working agreement and I can see no reason as to why the Town of Arcadia cannot have. We have been trying to get this done for the last three to five years or greater than that and have come to no success. It is R. Tuschner's request to the Town of Arcadia Board if they are willing to do something like that. Have a letter written and pre-approved at a later meeting so that it be officially drafted and given to the City Council. This is why this topic is on the agenda. R. Tuschner opened the topic for further comments from the Board.

I. Pronschinske stated that he does not have an issue with this. M. Chitko inquired if there were other cities working with their surrounding township and how they manage that. R. Tuschner commented that there is a town by Taylor, Wisconsin. They have a water sewer district that goes beyond the limits of the town. Gary Monson, from the Town of Unity, has this type of working relationship.

Kerry Suchla raised a concern that if the Town Board would begin working with the City of Arcadia, how would it affect the dairy farmers or landowners surrounding the City if they wanted to expand their dairy farms. If that area wanted to be used for housing, the dairy farmer/landowner could not expand. R. Tuschner explained that the City has extra territorial zoning, which is approximately 1 mile to 1 1/2 miles in circumference of the City. We, at the Town of Arcadia, have not signed onto that. It is not because we want to impede the watering of lawns or having contaminated aquifer that is not the rationale. We are trying to come to work together. For example we would take into account Kerry Suchla dairy farm, Walske's and Schank's Riverview Dairy. We want to have a say in what is happening in these areas. Where if we would have signed on years ago with them, they could stop any development at any place if they could see that it is not fit for the City. They cannot do that at this point in time simply because we did not sign off on it. We want a working relationship with the City to know what is happening down the line, not six months from now or a year from now. We want to look out for our constituents and they need to look out for their constituents. Now is there a give and take, can we

get to some kind of middle road. There has to be a compromise. Kerry Suchla stated he was all for working together but still be able to operate their farm and not be held to the restraints of the City. R. Tuschner expressed that it is part of where they are at right now. Both sides are holding tough neither party is trying to be mean but we want to have a working relationship. At this point other, other than the Brownfield project we have had a working relationship but not a quality relationship. There have been several attempts in the past.

R. Tuschner stated that he had appointed M. Wineski to attend meetings at the City Council and nothing ever came back. R. Tuschner has had conversations with the Mayor and there was one meeting three to four months ago. R. Tuschner has asked but the only meeting that has occurred is in regards to the Brownfield project. The only reason that meeting occurred is that the Town of Arcadia has constituents in that area. I. Pronschinske suggested that a letter be written to the City of Arcadia Council and the Mayor and have it read at a City Council Meeting. If they do not respond to it, we know their answer. M. Chitko stated that the Town Board Members should attend that meeting. I. Pronschinske agreed with M. Chitko's comment. M. Chitko stated that if the City Council does not want to respond to the letter that at least once a month one of the Town Board Members attend the meeting even if it is just to take notes. If the City Council sees a Town Board member at the meetings it will help the relationship. R. Tuschner agreed with M. Chitko on having a Town of Arcadia Board member attend the City Council meeting and show that the Town of Arcadia is serious about having a working relationship with them. I. Pronschinske asked M. Chitko to construct a short letter. M. Chitko agreed. R. Tuschner requested when the letter is completed for it to be place on the next agenda so that the Board officially approve it.

Increase of Hall Rental Fees

The rate for a resident is \$50 rental; \$200 security deposit and \$15 non-refundable inspection fee. The rate for non-resident is \$200 rental; \$600 security deposit and a \$15 non-refundable inspection fee. R. Tuschner stated that the current fees are not currently covering the expenses. A further discussion on problems occurring on the non-resident hall rentals and also on the increase amounts on the rates. A motion was made by I. Pronschinske and seconded by M. Chitko to change the hall rental rates for non-residents as follows: \$300 rental fee; \$700 security deposit and \$30 non-refundable inspection fee. The hall rental fee for residents as follows: \$50 rental fee; \$300 security deposit and \$15 non-refundable inspection fee. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

R. Tuschner stated that these new fees take effect immediately after tonight's meeting. The contracts signed prior to this date will remain at the old rates.

Update on Manure Spill on Jaszewski Lane and Possibility for Reimbursement

I. Pronschinske asked if there would be any reimbursement. R. Tuschner stated that there will not be any reimbursement for the clean up due to lack of funds and no formal letter was sent to authorize the clean up. R. Tuschner read aloud the memorandum that Beth Killian, Clerk, addressed to the Town of Arcadia Supervisors regarding the manure spill on Jaszewski Lane. R. Tuschner requested the memorandum to be included in the official meeting minutes. The last sentence of the memorandum stated, "Without the Town of Arcadia receiving that authorization, there will be no reimbursement".

R. Tuschner explained that the last time this situation occurred, he contacted the DNR Warden that lives in Trempealeau and he gave R. Tuschner permission to clean up. Prior to that he took pictures of the spill and clean up. R. Tuschner went through the same process for this incidence with the DNR Warden. R. Tuschner personally contacted the DNR Warden. R. Tuschner was given verbal authorization by the DNR Warden to clean up the spill. R. Tuschner then read the final paragraph of the memorandum from Beth which stated; If a situation in the future should arise, Deb from the Department of Natural Resources, stated that it is the land owner's responsibility to do the clean up. R. Tuschner asked I. Pronschinske how far did they get with the landowner on this situation. I. Pronschinske replied that the landowner stated it was a substance. R. Tuschner explained that the landowner would not speak to him without having an attorney present. R. Tuschner stated he would be researching to determine if the cost of the clean up put on the landowner's taxes as a special assessment. Nancy Rohn advised R. Tuschner to contact Laurie Halama and she would be able provided him with the information. R. Tuschner requested that this topic be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Minimum Qualifications for Clerk/Treasurer

I. Pronschinske stated there are no minimum qualifications. R. Tuschner confirmed that statement by saying that there are jobs he/she are going to have to fulfill with the office. R. Tuschner feels it is important to have a hand out

available to describe the position and duties for those interested in the position of the elected Clerk/Treasurer. I. Pronschinske agreed with that comment.

R. Tuschner had several copies from other municipalities that can be used as a guide to prepare the handout for the Clerk/Treasurer Duties for Town of the Arcadia. M. Chitko agreed to have the handout available.

Set Special Meeting Date for Minimum Qualifications for Clerk/Treasurer/Publish in Newspaper

The meeting was not set as there are no minimum qualifications as discussed in the previous agenda item.

Status/Update on Part-Time/Full-Time Road Crew Applications

R. Tuschner stated that one person applied for the position. He had been previously hired through an official motion about two to three months ago at our Board Meeting. The applicant was Rollie Kube. I. Pronschinske made the recommendation that Jon Olson, Foreman, should take Rollie out for training on the snow removal equipment. R. Tuschner will contact Rollie Kube to contact Jon Olson. R. Tuschner requested that the following be put on the agenda for the next meeting: Road Crew evaluations from Jon Olson and Jon Olson's evaluation from the Town of Arcadia Board.

Wisconsin Towns Association Urban Towns Committee Membership

R. Tuschner advised that the Town of Arcadia belongs to the Wisconsin Town Association. The Urban Town Association and the Wisconsin Town Association is trying come together with all their lobbying efforts. They want two separate organizations but each has fees for both. M. Chitko stated charging a fee for both is a way to raise money. R. Tuschner expressed that it is of his opinion that Town of Arcadia pays the membership fee for belonging to The Towns Association. There are two people at the present time that are lobbyist at the State Capital in Madison. He did not feel that the Town of Arcadia should have to pay another fee to belong to another organization. I. Pronschinske and M. Chitko were both in agreement with R. Tuschner. Deputy Clerk, Elva Helwig, will advise Beth Killian that the Board declined to belong to the Urban Towns Committee.

Correspondence

Department of Land Management Letter on building permit for Alfred and Karen Hanson; Trempealeau County Ordinance; Letter from Kohner Materials, Two Notices of Public Hearings on January 15, 2015 before the Environment and Land Use Committee; and General Transportation Aids 2015 Final Calculation Summary.

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 Monday, January 19 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 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elva V. Helwig
Town of Arcadia, Deputy Clerk