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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Schultz at 7:03 p.m. Open meeting certifications were met. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Jon Schultz, Barb Tock and Donna Brogan. A list of residents that attended is available at the Town Hall.

Jon Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2016 Regular Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

During review of the minutes from October 27th, D. Brogan stated that corrections were needed. N. Rohn indicated that the corrections were made, and a new copy was before the Board. A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the minutes of the October 27th, 2016 Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Rohn reviewed the disbursements for October 14th through October 27th, 2016. A motion was made by Barb Tock and seconded by Jon Schultz to approve the disbursements. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. The October financials were then presented. Rohn indicated that the details would be available on the website the next day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 7:11 p.m. Chairman Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the October 27th, 2016 agenda.

**Howard Wiersgalla – Commented that the City of Arcadia is still working on the eminent domain issue. A number of closed sessions have occurred, but no resolution yet. He wanted to Town Board to be aware. It

has been over 3 years since the contaminated water issue was discovered, and Wiersgalla would like to see action taken to rectify the problem.

After the third call by Chairman Schultz the Public Comment section closed at 7:16 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Discussion Regarding Roadwork/Bridge Update (including West Tamarack Road):** Donna Brogan led the discussion. The first topic that was addressed was the River Road Bridge. Repairs have been made. Brogan continued by saying that it may be possible for the Soppa Road bridge to be fixed using the same techniques. Her concern is the upcoming heavy truck loads that will be passing through. If the Town waits until the bridge is beyond repair it could be on the list for replacement, but then it takes up to three years before the work would be completed. Barb Tock mentioned that there are other bridges in the township that need repairs as well. Brogan wondered if some of these bridges should be posted for weight limits. After continued discussion, both Tock and Schultz agreed that it would be wise to repair Soppa Road Bridge. Carol Bawek added that there are holes that need to be fixed on the bridge approaches. Tock asked Brogan to check on the costs of the project. The conversation then moved to West Tamarack Road. The Board decided that the Road Crew can help shoulder the road. Tock also mentioned that North Creek Road needs to be shouldered as well. She is concerned that the blacktop is chipping away. Brogan then spoke about the possibility of reapplying for FEMA aid regarding the Myers Valley Bridge issue. Mark Carlson studied the bridge repairs and felt that it acceptable as is. The only issue he saw was that the culverts may need to be reset. He will speak to the DNR on the issue. He said that since this was originally a box culvert the new culverts should be satisfactory. With this in mind, the Board decided to hold off on re-applying for FEMA aid. Tock stated that we still have to apply for State aid, and Brogan stated that the deadline is December 10th. The next topic was Reit Lane. Schultz gave the history of applying for the LRIP program, and how it was denied because at that time the road rating was too high. He is concerned about the amount of traffic, and feels that something must be done to improve. The Board decided to review in the future.
- **Update on Amber Lane Discussion:** After the last meeting's discussion regarding the concern that Amber Lane still has not been paved, a letter drafted by N. Rohn was presented to the Board for review. Donna Brogan explained to the audience that per agreements with the owner, Larry Soppa, and Amber Lane residents, the road was to be blacktopped by July 2015. Now that another season is passed the Board would like to understand when the project will be completed. After reviewing the letter, the Board accepted it as presented and asked Rohn to send to L. Soppa.
- **Discussion and Possible Approval of Operator's licenses for Chelsey Konkell and Chelsey Sanchez-Helgeson:** N. Rohn explained to the Board that both of the operator's applications were reviewed, and found that all information was in order. A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the operator's licenses for Konkell and Sanchez-Helgeson.
- **Discussion of Repair of Well:** A water issue has been ongoing at the Town property. Two licensed plumbers were contacted for bids, Larson and Semingson. The Board reviewed each one, and after short deliberation a motion was made by John Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to hire Semingson Plumbing for \$2225. N. Rohn will contact them to arrange timing for repair.

- **Discussion and Possible Approval of Independence Fire Board Budget:** N. Rohn stated that the final budgeted amount was received from the City Clerk. Donna Brogan made a motion and Barb Tock seconded to accept the township's share of the 2017 Independence Fire Board budget of \$6254.91.
- **Discussion of Road Use Agreement with the City of Independence:** Jon Schultz led the discussion by giving a brief history of the road use agreement. Donna Brogan explained that the Town of Arcadia will maintain this stretch of road, instead of Independence having to go out of their way. During the City of Independence Council meeting on November 7th the Council agreed to another two-year contract at the rate of \$34,071. The paperwork is currently being drafted by the City's attorney and will be sent to the Town within the week.

Correspondence: N.Rohn stated that during the last meeting when the numbers for the Fall Clean-Up were reviewed, a final bill had not arrived yet from Hilltoppers. Due to recycling costs increases, the Town actually spent over \$2000. Rohn also stated that correspondence was received from a constituent that lives on Filla Lane. The culvert needs to be cleared as water continues to run over the road. A letter was received from the Trempealeau County Land Management Department regarding a constituent septic issue; a thank-you note was received from R. Weltzien. They expressed their appreciation for a job well-done regarding mowing.

Confirm next meeting date: The Board reviewed agenda items to be added for the next meeting: review of Independence Road use agreement, foreman's update, recycling center signage. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next regular board meeting will be on Monday, November 21st, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings to review and approve the 2017 budget will follow thereafter. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer
