

# TOWN OF ARCADIA

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## Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jon Schultz at 7:00 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 Barb Tock and seconded by Donna Brogan 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 December 22nd, 2016 Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2016 Special Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Rohn reviewed the December financial statements as well as the disbursements for December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 through January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A motion was made by Barb Tock and seconded by Donna Brogan to approve the disbursements. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At 7:11 p.m. Chairman Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the January 12th, 2017 agenda.

Ron Tuschner stated that he wanted to ensure that the Township Ambulance Committee meetings will be posted on the Town website.

After the third call by Chairperson Schultz the Public Comment section closed at 7:12 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Foreman's Report:** Foreman Jon Olson began his report by stating that there have been problems with the computer with one of the new trucks. It has been to the dealer twice, but the problem continues. The truck is under warranty; will go to a different dealer for repair. Another truck has an anti-freeze leak and will be going in for servicing. Olson went on to say that he has seen where constituents have pushed snow onto the right-of-way. This cannot continue as it is illegal and dangerous. If people have hired someone to clean out their driveway, they must inform them that this practice is not allowed. Olson stated that fines can be issued. Karen Geske asked what happens when the homeowner plows before the Township does. Olson stated that he felt it's more of a problem after the road crew has already gone through. Ron Tuschner felt that a person should receive a warning first. "If they do not heed the warning then they should be turned in to the sheriff's department". Donna Brogan asked Olson to let the Board and Clerk know who the violators are. A warning letter will then be sent. Olson continued with the roadwork that needs to be completed yet, and it was decided to have the Road Committee meet within the next few weeks. Jon Schultz congratulated the Crew for doing a good job keeping up with the roads. He also asked that they provide a list of road signs that are missing. At the end of the discussion, Donna Brogan asked if there could be a Road Committee meeting for the public. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea; Olson and Brogan will set up a time and date.
- **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Surveying of Town Property:** Jon Schultz led the discussion. He stated that a survey of the Town property was needed to determine the worth. Having an idea of the value will determine what steps will occur regarding Town of Arcadia land use for the Ambulance headquarters land use. Schultz stated that John Krage sent an estimate for his surveying services. Ron Tuschner stated that when the property was acquired there were 4 survey markers. He suggested that the paperwork be located regarding the property purchase as there is a good chance that survey information is included. He continued with commenting that the Town should not spend the money to re-survey if it is not needed. Discussion continued with the Board stating that underground utilities will need to be located. Costs should be shared with other municipalities. The Board continued by saying that the paperwork will be located and Diggers hotline will be called. Barb Tock stated that she would like to see a permanent record of where the utilities are located. Jon Schultz agreed, saying that a site map is needed so everything can be documented properly.
- **Discussion of Road Use Agreement with City of Independence (i.e. decision from closed session):** Donna Brogan led the discussion, explaining to the audience that the Road Use agreement covered the roads that are now considered to be part of the City of Independence. Recently the Town Board made an offer to Independence that they would drop the appeal if Independence would drop the legal fees. An agreement was reached after Independence asked for a concession in the road use agreement fees. For the next two years (2017 and 2018), the City of Independence will pay \$34,000 to the Town of Arcadia. As part of the agreement, the following two years (2019 and 2020) the fee will drop to \$29,000 per year. Karen Geske commented that the City didn't pay for all of their legal fees. Jon Schultz stated that he understood that. B. Tock replied that it would have been very costly to continue the legal fight, appealing to the Supreme Court. Geske then asked why the agreement extended to four years instead of two like it had been. Jon Schultz replied that he thought it was possibly due to the Board already agreeing to a two year agreement at the \$34,000 a year. By extending it two more years Independence reduced their payment to \$29,000 a year. Geske then

asked about road signs and wondered who is responsible for the road. The Board replied that the Town of Arcadia is.

- **Discussion Regarding Letter of Recommendation for TNG Wireless Telecommunications Tower:** TNG wireless (also known as Bug Tussel Wireless) contacted the Town of Arcadia regarding their project which includes constructing a telecommunications tower near Swenson Road in Tamarack. The Board reviewed maps as well as TNG's plans. Discussion continued with questions regarding height, etc. Jon Schultz made a motion to send a letter of recommendation to the County regarding the TNG tower project. Donna Brogan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- **Discussion Regarding County Recreation Plan:** Jon Schultz stated that the County Outdoor Recreation Plan consists of their plans for the next 5 years. The packet of information the Land Committee provided to the Town includes their objectives and goals, their planning process, economic and population information. The largest part of the packet includes recreational activities throughout the county. The Township can make recommendation of changes if they so choose. There will be continued discussion during the next few months.
- **Update Regarding Town of Arcadia Ambulance Committee:** Jon Schultz reviewed what was discussed during the first meeting. Plans so far are not concrete, and changes may be made. Donna Brogan asked about funding. Schultz said that funds have been promised, but nothing formal has occurred. He continued by stating that he feels that all municipalities should be here at one time to meet with the Ambulance Committee as it seems there is not a general understanding of the plans. The Town is willing to work with the ambulance committee regarding the land, but we need to understand the value. Schultz continued by asking the members of the committee to stay after the meeting to decide on the next time they will get together. The goal is to plan an intergovernmental meeting soon.
- **Discussion of Hall Gas Leak Issue:** Lynn Axness discussed the gas leak problem. A delivery person noticed that there was a leak outside of the office side door. Calls were placed to Midwest Gas and Slaby Electric. They will need to shut the heat down so are waiting for a few warmer days. The plan is to fix the leaks and re-pressurize. In the meantime they are recommending that no smoking or cell phone usage occur. Barb Tock stated that she has also been involved in the discussions, and told the Board that Slaby's cannot give us a quote as they do not know how long it will take to repair.
- **Discussion and Possible Approval of increase for copies from .15 to .25:** Clerk N. Rohn stated that after comparing copy prices at different businesses she felt that an increase was in order. Jon Schultz made a motion to increase the prices from .15 to .25 a copy. Barb Tock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**Correspondence:** Jon Schultz stated that he will be meeting with Dave Pantzlaff from Ayres Associates and Dave Lyga from the Trempealeau County Highway Department on the 13<sup>th</sup> for the final meeting regarding the Mill Road Bridge project. N. Rohn continued with correspondence by reviewing tax collection dates (Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>); Caucus will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>; received notice from the Trempealeau County Highway Department that Ottie Baecker has announced his retirement as Asphalt Crew Foreman; a quarterly WTA meeting will be at the State Bank of Independence on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>; Fire Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirm next meeting date:** The Board reviewed agenda items to be added for the next meeting: ambulance update; survey documentation; comprehensive plan; employee handbook

The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, January 26th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

After the meeting adjourned, members of the township ambulance committee discussed times for future meetings. The group will meet on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn  
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer

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