

TOWN OF ARCADIA

Trempealeau County



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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday, February 9th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jon Schultz at 7:01 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 Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the minutes of the January 2017 Caucus. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Donna Brogan to approve the minutes of the January 26th, 2017 Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Rohn reviewed the disbursements for January 27th, 2017 through February 9th, 2017. A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Jon Schultz to approve the disbursements. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. Rohn continued by presenting the January financial reports. Chairman Schultz asked questions regarding what kind of interest rate the Town receives for the various accounts. Rohn explained that the Road Construction and Machinery funds are considered money market funds, and a certain amount must be maintained. She will speak to the State Bank to see what changes could be made. She concluded by stating that the reports would be sent to the website and be available for further review in the next few days.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 7:10 p.m. Chairman Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the February 9th, 2017 agenda.

****Ray Kamrowski** – He began by recapping a former meeting discussion regarding the work schedule for the Town of Arcadia Road Crew. He stated that he heard that the Crew was expected to cover 7 days a week. He did not agree. Kamrowski stated that “if the County doesn’t have that kind of work schedule, why should the Town of Arcadia? Even if the Town went to a rotation, there can’t be one person working by themselves as it is unsafe. This should have never been brought up.” Jon Schultz replied that the former discussion only regarded a 5-day rotation, not 7 days. He also wanted to clarify that it was brought up by a constituent, not a Board member.

****Ron Tuschner** – said that he heard that there was an accident with the new truck and wanted to know what happened. Jon Schultz replied that Jon Olson will cover that when giving his foreman’s report.

After the third call by Chairperson Schultz the Public Comment section closed at 7:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Foreman’s Report (Including Update of Peterbuilt Truck):** Jon Olson began with an update on equipment. A new pole saw has been purchased, but is not in yet. The Peterbuilt truck has been to the shop 3 times, but they cannot find out what the problem is. The check engine light continues to turn on when the truck is hooked to the snowplow. There has been no loss of function, and Olson has been told that the truck is still drivable. Next week he will take it to the Eau Claire dealership with hopes that they will be able to find the problem. Olson did ask the dealer when the “lemon law” goes into effect. He will give an update as soon as possible. He continued by recapping the winter storm in January. Many people called asking if the Road Crew could sand/salt their private driveways. Olson replied that there was a sand/salt mix available at the hall, and they were welcome to take some. He stated that due to the extreme conditions he almost went off the road himself and at 10 p.m. that night decided to tell the other drivers to go home. Ron Grulkowski and Jason Kamrowski decided to stay in their trucks overnight once they returned to the Shop as they didn’t feel they would make it home. Olson commented that many trucks throughout the County went into the ditch. He was very proud that didn’t happen to the Town Road Crew. Many complaints were received from constituents. Ron Grulkowski stated that it was very difficult to maneuver in the dark. Olson thanked the Crew for doing a good job. The next topic was gravel roads. Due to thawing the Crew has stayed off as they didn’t want to create additional damage. Concerning County news, Ottie Baecker and his replacement visited Olson recently. They stated that the new County prices for the season would not be set until March. On to other subjects, patching has occurred over the last few weeks. Summer projects are being planned. The Crew will work on Amundson and Grossman Lane with double seal-coating planned. Donna Brogan stated that Scott Construction presented a bid which will need to be reviewed. Olson then replied to the public comment from Ray Kamrowski by stating that the Road Crew is available 24/7. “If someone is going to be gone, the rest of the Crew knows about it. We also have good part-time help.” The discussion carried on with J. Schultz asking if a Road Committee meeting should be set. Initially Donna Brogan stated that a meeting could be held the same night as the first meeting in April. The County has their meeting the first week of May so she thought this would give the Town time to come up with a plan. Barb Tock thought that having the meeting in April might be too late as there might be opportunities that the Town is missing on gathering bids from other parties. She wants to get the “biggest bang for the buck”. Brogan said that she and Jon Olson will get together in the next few weeks to form a plan for the summer projects. Tock also stated that she thought that the update on

sanding/salting of private driveways should have been posted on the website. J. Schultz commented that there should be a sand/salt mix pile on the Town property at all times. Ron Tuschner asked if the wording on the policy changed about private driveways so people know that it will no longer be covered. Jon Olson remarked that there have been questions as to why the Town has charged for this. Olson said that every bucket of mix is \$72 so the cost must be passed on when plowing private driveways. Karen Geske commented that she didn't know why gravel roads were not being plowed, and said that it should have been posted on the website.

- **Review and Possible Approval of Operator's License for Dan Suchla:** Clerk Rohn presented the application to the Board, stating that she reviewed all information and the applicant has completed the proper training. Barb Tock made a motion to accept Dan Suchla's Operators license application. The motion was seconded by Donna Brogan and was carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- **Review and Possible Approval of Operator's License for John Suchla:** Again for the second applicant Clerk Rohn presented the form to the Board, stating that she reviewed all information and Suchla has completed the proper training. Donna Brogan made a motion to approve the operator's license application. A second was received by Jon Schultz and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- **Review and Possible Approval of Class B Temporary Liquor License for Arcadia Sportsman's Club for March 11, 2017:** Clerk Rohn presented the application from the Arcadia Sportman's Club requesting a temporary liquor license for their Sport Show. After a few questions from Jon Schultz regarding the event, he made a motion to approve the application. A second was received by Donna Brogan, and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- **Update Regarding Town of Arcadia Ambulance Committee:** Jon Schultz began the update by stating that after a number of committee meetings, the group has offered the mausoleum site to the Arcadia Ambulance Service. Donna Brogan asked how the group came to that decision. Schultz replied that both sites were reviewed. After a discussion by the group it was determined that the Town land would be considered to have a higher assessed value whereas the mausoleum site is less. There are 1.19 acres at the mausoleum site, and the committee decided to offer that to the Ambulance Service for a \$1. The Ambulance Service will have to demolish the building in order to make the site suitable; the Town will continue to maintain the cemetery. After a 3 hour meeting, the vote from the small committee was 4 to 1 in favor of offering the site. Clerk Rohn asked if she could comment. She stated that if a decision would have been made to use the Town property it would still have to go to the constituents to be voted upon. Ron Tuschner stated that notices will still need to be sent to the public regarding the mausoleum land. J. Schultz asked if this could still be added to the referendum and Rohn said that it was too late. Brogan commented that there was a town meeting regarding the ambulance building back in December. "Didn't we agree that the building would be on this site? We can't change a decision that was made during a special meeting." J. Olson replied that it was stated what would be the best place for the building on Town property. "The mausoleum is owned by the Town." Ron Tuschner commented that a decision was made during the special meeting to create a sub-committee, and they would work towards forming a plan. Cletus Foegen stated that initially he was a little apprehensive about the mausoleum property, but since then he has reviewed the area and feels it would work. The spot would be a lot quieter and more visible to the public. He continued by saying there was a concern about safety regarding driving onto the road when there is an ambulance call. He thinks that the mausoleum site will be a better spot. Jon Schultz commented that he saw a lot of quizzical faces in the audience. He realized that there are many concerns over the development of the property. He knows there are certain expectations regarding what will happen with the Town property.

The committee's main concern was locating the best spot for the new building. Ron Tuschner thought it would be best to have a lawyer review the agreement. He continued by saying that selling the land for \$1 helps reduce costs for the project, as well as gives other municipalities an incentive for seeing what they can do to help with the costs. Donna Brogan asked Deb Slaby for her thoughts. Slaby was in agreement with C. Foegen, and thought it was very generous to offer the property for \$1. She continued by saying that the other EMTs were in favor of it as well. Brogan asked if someone from the DOT can be notified of the project and ask them to review the details. Schultz asked Jon Olson to contact Dave Lyga for a feasibility study. Brogan asked about water and septic. Schultz said that it may have to be connected to the City. A lift station may be needed, but he is not sure. Lynn Axness pointed out that she reviewed the notes from the Jensen property folder and found that it said any time that City water/sewer is used, the property will be annexed. Doug Sokup commented that it may be cheaper to install a private well/septic system. Discussion then turned to the demolition of the mausoleum, wondering if there would be any asbestos issues. Mike Chitko moved on with the discussion by asking two questions... Maybe the City can donate something as well and "Is it a benefit to sell? Would it be better to lease because then the Town would maintain ownership. Schultz asked what was best for the Ambulance Service. C. Foegen thought that it would be best for the Service to purchase. Barb Tock asked how the lot would be maintained regarding snow plowing, etc. She said that the Town is not supposed to provide services if they do not own the property. Schultz asked Foegen to find out what is best. J. Jasin stated that we need to find out what the City will offer for the project. Barb Tock asked what the next steps were. Schultz will talk to Mayor Reichwein. There will be an Ambulance Service meeting on February 16th, hope to have more answers. Foegen commented that he appreciated what the committee and Town has done for the Ambulance Service. Ron Tuschner wondered if Deb Foss could write an article for the front page of the local paper regarding the Ambulance Service's upcoming meeting.

- **Review and Discussion of Township Survey Documentation:** Jon Schultz started the discussion by stating that a survey isn't needed for the Town property since the decision has been made to change the ambulance building site. Barb Tock agreed, but did say that the mausoleum site will need to be surveyed. Schultz stated that he will speak to the surveyor regarding the new site.
- **Update Regarding the County Comprehensive Plan:** Kirstie Heindereich from the County drafted a letter a number of months ago explaining what is needed from the Town regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Meetings were held to update goals, etc. At this point one of the issues yet is to determine what will happen with land that is now considered "trans-ag". An upcoming meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15th. Karen Geske commented that if land is rezoned now it is free of charge. If a change is needed in the future there will be a cost associated. She questioned whether the requests for rezoning comply with the land use map. The Board stated they would review.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the WI Independent Assessing Officers Association, asking if the Board would be interested in joining the organization. Ron Tuschner commented that it would be a good idea to join. A flyer from the Wisconsin Counties Association that arrived recently states that there will be a seminar, "Agricultural Community Engagement", on Tuesday, February 21st in Wisconsin Dells. B. Tock has signed up. Also, an email was received from Cyndi and Ray Schultz, indicating that they are very grateful for the road plowing in their area.

Confirm next meeting date: The Board reviewed agenda items to be added for the next meeting: surveying of mausoleum site, ambulance update; dues for the WI Independent Assessing Officers Association, B. Tock would like to report on weed control that was presented during the last WTA meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, February 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer
