

# TOWN OF ARCADIA

Trempealeau County



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## Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday, February 23rd, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Schultz at 5:15 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 February 10, 2017 Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Axness reviewed disbursements for February 10th through February 23rd, 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 5:20 p.m. Chairman Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the February 23rd, 2017 agenda.

Gerry Haines discussed the surveying needed on his driveway for extending Gerry Lane.

Howard Wiersgalla – nothing new to report on his land issues with the city of Arcadia.

Karen Geske asked if the road crew could start picking up old culverts around the township for disposal. Also, thanked the road crew for fixing the bump in Plum Creek Road.

After the third call by Chairman Schultz the Public Comment section closed at 5:23 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Update Regarding the County Comprehensive Plan:** Jon Schultz reviewed the town's land use map. Jon explained how the town's comprehensive planning committee wants to change the zoning to match the land use. The county is asking the township to clarify the areas that are currently under Trans Ag – what are they being transitioned to? The committee has recommended that pretty much all of those areas be changed to exclusive ag. They are also recommending making some changes to some of the area currently under commercial to Residential -20 (R20) as they expect most of the commercial development to be along the highways. Jon Schultz mentioned spot zoning, that it's technically illegal allowing zoning outside of the land use map. Karen Geske mentioned that the committee is trying to reflect the current uses and clean up our map. Jon reported that the county is working on updating the maps per our comprehensive planning committee recommendation. Nancy will provide the updated goals.
- **Update Regarding Town of Arcadia Ambulance Committee:** Jon Schultz reported on the Arcadia Ambulance Board's meeting that there was a good reception on the mausoleum site as a proposed location for a new ambulance building. A special town board meeting will need to be held as the electorate has to vote to sell or purchase land. The Town needs clarification if that site is okay. If it would need to be annexed to the City of Arcadia for water/sewer, the city would have to initiate the annexation. If the property is kept in the township, it would need to be re-zoned commercial.
- **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dues for Wisconsin Independent Assessing Officers Association:** A new organization called Wisconsin Independent Assessing Officers Association (WIIAOA) has been formed. They are a proactive organization dedicated to promoting professionalism and education to advance their field and provide fair and equitable assessments. Prior to WIIAOA, independent contract assessors had little representation, and what they did have, was geared toward the needs of very large municipalities. If we are going to keep assessing at the local level they have to have a seat at the table. They are asking all of the tax districts who currently use contract assessors to consider joining their non-profit organization. Associate dues are \$100.00 per year, Assessors dues are \$500.00 per year. A motion was made by Donna Brogan and seconded by Barb Tock to join the WIIAOA as an associate member at \$100.00. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- **Update Regarding Last WTA Meeting – Report on Weed Control:** Barb Tock reported on the Wisconsin Towns Association Unit Meeting held on January 17, 2017. There was a presentation from 4 Control, a company from Menomonie, WI that does herbicide services. This is the company currently being used by Riverland Energy Cooperative to apply herbicides for weed control along their power lines. Barb reviewed their presentation on controlling weeds and noxious weeds. The company does not normally give estimates for services, but rather asks the municipality to provide a budget amount of how much they want to spend and what areas they want treated first. We should consider controlling species with adverse health effects first (i.e. wild parsnip<sup>4</sup>) that need special treatment We should start controlling more species that need greater control and consider hiring someone to take care of it for us. Barb recommended that we should consider setting some money aside for this. Also, they recommended using a water truck to go to the contractor in order to get more done. They also rent the equipment on a weekly basis. Town, County and State do not have to be licensed as long as you stay in your own right of way.

Barb also reported from the WTA meeting on bridge inspection fees from Corre, Inc., bids for rock, co-aid petitions and the handout with co-aid miles for each township in Trempealeau County. The next WTA unit meeting will be on April 25 hosted by the Town of Calendonía.

**Correspondence:** L. Axness reviewed the correspondence received recently. The Kraemer Company sent their annual letter with their aggregate prices. This will be reviewed at the next board meeting. Trempealeau County and the township have imposed the seasonal weight restrictions on various county roads and township roads. Dave Lyga attended a conference with other county commissioners and the State Patrol in this district. Also, Trempealeau County Highway Department will be starting their summer hours April 3 thru September 28, 2017 Monday thru Thursday 6am – 4pm

**Confirm next meeting date:** The Board reviewed agenda items to be added for the next meeting: The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, March 9th, 2017. The board will meet at 5:15 to discuss road work and the regular board meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynn Axness  
Deputy Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer

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