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Town of Arcadia Minutes of Regular Town Board Meeting Thursday, March 23rd, 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 and Barb Tock. Donna Brogan was absent. A list of residents that attended is available at the Town Hall.

Jon Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Barb Tock and seconded by Jon Schultz to approve the minutes of the March 9th, 2017 Regular Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer Nancy Rohn reviewed the disbursements for March 10th, 2017 through March 23rd, 2017. A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to approve the disbursements. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At 7:04 p.m. Chairman Schultz opened the floor to public comments for other topics that were not listed on the March 23rd, 2017 agenda.

**Rick Schaumberg, candidate for Trempealeau Circuit Court Judge, asked to speak. He has been an attorney in Osseo for 20 years, and represents 12 towns. Schaumberg and his wife are active volunteers and they continue to give back to the community.

**Jason Lockington – spoke on behalf of a private donor regarding the future ambulance building. The donor's concern is regarding the proposed mausoleum site, and would like to see another possible option.. Jon Schultz responded by stating that this subject will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Karen Geske – Informed the Board that stop signs by Church Hill and Bisek Road are gone. She also asked again if culverts can be picked up by the Road Crew. Geske asked for information regarding the County informational meeting to be held at the Town Hall. She stated that the paper did not indicate a date. Jon Schultz indicated that the meeting would be at 7 p.m. next Monday.

After the third call, the Public Comments section closed at 7:11.

- A. **Foreman's Report:** Jon Olson began the foreman's report by informing the Board that the Crew has been out brushing and tree cutting. He has also taken a look at a used crew truck, but it has high mileage. Chairman Schultz indicated that the current truck is unreliable and asked Olson to continue to check for other possible vehicles. A quote has been received for a disc mower. Both Barb Tock and Schultz said that Olson must obtain more quotes. The update continued by Olson commenting on the persistent issues with the new "Little Red". Mid-State is currently trying to understand why the check engine light continues to activate. The "Lemon Law" was discussed...Olson stated that the truck is still operational. DeBauche did not have warranty information loaded into the computer. J. Schultz gave direction to Olson to allow one more time to try to fix the issues, otherwise the dealer will need to get involved. The new loader was the next topic. The warranty will expire in May, and John Deere is willing to do a pre-warranty check. The Board asked Olson to check on the price. A decision as to whether or not to accept the offer will be decided by the next meeting. Ron Tuschner asked a few questions regarding the truck problems. He wanted to know if Olson was taking good notes on all of the issues so that the Town has grounds to discuss with the dealer. Tuschner also wanted to know if the Town would be covered with another truck if a large storm was anticipated. J Schultz responded by stating that the truck would be brought back to Arcadia if bad weather was expected. Tuschner's last question was whether or not Jon Olson's time was being paid for every time he dropped off the truck. John Jasin was wondering how much time was spent waiting for the truck repairs. Olson stated that he has made 5 trips to La Crosse and 1 to Eau Claire at this point. Schultz stated that it was time to talk directly to the dealer. A phone call will be made by both Olson and Schultz on March 24th. B. Tock asked if the Road Crew had sanded earlier the week prior as there were some slippery spots. Olson confirmed that they had. Tuschner asked about an issue with a cave-in with one of the Town roads, wondering what kind of signage was used. Schultz stated that he was aware of the issue and it would be discussed later in the meeting.
- B. **Review and Possible Change of Road Crew's Hours to Summer Schedule:** The Road Crew requested that they return to summer hours on April 3rd. The Board reviewed the employee handbook, and noted that there is nothing in the book that refers to this subject. J. Schultz reviewed the history with the attendees, stating that the Crew has followed the County hours (four 10-hour days). He continued by saying that this helps coordinate efforts when working on projects together. B. Tock researched the amount of overtime money spent for Fridays during the last two years. In 2015 it was \$541, and in 2016 it was \$1553. Some of this time could have been during non-working hours. R. Tuschner commented that in his opinion the Crew should work five 8-hour days so that there is coverage. K. Geske asked when the schedule would start, and if there was a possibility of rotating hours. Tock commented that it would be hard to make that work with 3 full-time employees. Schultz felt that the 10-hour days could work, but it must be documented in the handbook whatever the decision. Jon Olson commented that it did not matter if the Crew worked 4 or 5 days a week...they are ready to go in case of an emergency. Other comments from the audience included "construction projects work better with 10 hour days"; "maybe it would be a good idea to look at how the Federal government schedules". R. Tuschner

commented that in the past overtime was authorized only when there was a storm (which was close to the handbook policy). Discussion continued from other attendees with comments regarding allowing the Road Crew to work the 4 day/10 hour schedule. Since Donna Brogan was absent, Chairman Schultz decided to table this agenda item until the next regular meeting.

- C. **Review and Possible Approval of Mining Overlay Resolution:** Jon Schultz began by reviewing the history of the mining overlay. This topic has been discussed by the Comprehensive Planning group and a decision was made to not authorize a mining overlay district. A resolution was used from another Township and re-written for the Town of Arcadia's use. Schultz read the document to the audience. Barb Tock made a motion to accept the resolution as written, and Jon Schultz seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- D. **Review and Possible Approval of an Operator's License for Leah Gilbertson:** Clerk Rohn reviewed the application and copy of the training that L. Gilbertson completed. She also stated that a background check was performed and there were no issues. Jon Schultz made a motion to accept Leah Gilbertson's application for an operator's license. A second was received by Barb Tock and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- E. **Review and Possible Approval of an Operator's License for Miranda Konkel:** Clerk Rohn reviewed the application and copy of the training that M. Konkel completed. She also stated that a background check was performed and there were no issues. Jon Schultz made a motion to accept Miranda Konkel's application for an operator's license. A second was received by Barb Tock and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.
- F. **Set Date for Spring Clean-Up:** After a brief discussion, Jon Schultz made a motion to set the Town's Spring Clean-Up Day to Saturday, April 22, 8 until noon. Barb Tock seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. Ron Tuschner questioned if the usage of ag bags has increased. Barb Tock indicated that the Town sees a lot of the bags come in during Clean-Up. She also commented about the service (Revolution Plastics) through the County Agriculture agent where farmers can have a dumpster on their farms, but there has not been enough interest in it. Tuschner asked if this service could possible come to the Town Hall for a week. Tock said she would check into it.

Correspondence: The Town received a letter from Arcadia Sand (formerly Mississippi Sand) that they will soon resume mining activities; Trempealeau County Highway Department sent notification regarding co-aid road changes; the Trempealeau County of Land Management's letter indicated that Bug Tussel telecommunications tower has been approved for construction on the Marcus and Debbie Haines property; Rural Mutual sent a letter regarding a their stance on an insurance claim filed against the Town; Barb Tock stated that she attended a culvert and bridge workshop; the public test for voting machines will be held on Monday, March 27th at 4:30; Jon Schultz stated that a Parks Coordinator has been hired by Trempealeau County, and that Pietrek Park will open on April 15th. At the end of correspondence Beth Killian commented that she spoke to Dave Lyga regarding County billing. He indicated that they contract with other vendors so have to wait until they receive billing first before the County can bill the Town.

Confirm next meeting date and agenda items: The Board reviewed agenda items to be added for the next meeting: Employee handbook; County Comprehensive Plan Update; Equipment bid on disc mower; discussion on continued truck problems. The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, April 13th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (*Special note: due to Holy Week the next board meeting has been moved to April 6th at 7:00 p.m.*)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer