

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, August 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Rick Scoglio. Chair noted all Board were present.

Present: Chairman Rick Scoglio; Supervisor Ansel Johnson; Supervisor Kerry Bryan; Town Clerk JoAnn Agne; Town Treasurer, Janice Carlson; Plan Commission Chair Steve Arduser; Fireman Jim Root; Fire Chief Alex Lloyd-Adams; Edwin Flannum, Northland Surveying, Inc.; Betty Bergstedt, and guest Supervisor, John Molamphy, Town of Georgetown.

Verification of Public Notice was presented to Chair and affirmed by Clerk.

Approval of Agenda: Hearing no additions/corrections, Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Supervisor Bryan to approve the agenda as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Chair called a vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July Regular Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Kerry to approve minutes as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Chair called for a vote. Motion carried.

Public Input – Betty Bergstedt suggested the Town apply for CARES Act grant for Covid relief. Discussion followed that we will be doing that and what it may cover.

Clerk's Report – Tomorrow is an election day, and the Presidential race is November 3rd. The Electronic Voting Machine that we have will be phased out in 2 years, with a movement to a tabulation machine for countering election fraud. County is looking at a financing package with a discount for larger scale purchasing. More details as become available. Polk Burnett seeks an easement for an underground utility installation on Town property on White Ash public access.

Report by Treasurer: The August Treasurer's Report was presented by Janice Carlson and will be posted online on the website. Motion by Supervisor Johnson to accept report as given, motion 2nd by Supervisor Bryan. Voice vote called. Motion carried.

County Report: Steve Arduser reported that Brian Masters, our Polk County representative has resigned from the County Board. Dan Ruck from Georgetown was appointed to take his place, already in effect. Steve Arduser reported on a CSM for Nelson was approved by the planning commission and is the agenda tonight.

Vouchers: Vouchers were read and reviewed, motion by Supervisor Bryan to approve the vouchers as prepared, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports: Chair Scoglio – no report.

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Supervisor Bryan noted that White Ash Lake District is not dredging due to DNR not being able to be onsite to monitor the work due to CoVid 19. White Ash passed a change to the special assessment process, from one per owner, to one per parcel.

Kerry is working with Carrie at the Polk County Highway office to have better billings including job numbers to track work through special job numbers.

Supervisor Johnson – Supervisor Johnson discussed Driveway Permits not being completed in a timely fashion, a letter will be devised with the Clerk and sent out as a follow up.

Committee Reports:

Election – Discussed earlier, Election is tomorrow, August 11th.

Ambulance – Town of Clayton is dropping out of Amery Area Ambulance and going with Clear Lake Fire.

Cemetery – no update.

Department Reports:

Fire Department - In July there were one (1) vehicular accident, three (3) medical calls, and three (3) fire calls including a mutual aid call from Milltown to a trailer fire. August 29th will be the Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser served “to go”. DNR responded to request for grant funding for an Ultra High Pressure System saying would like to offer funds but this system does not meet the guidelines. The Fire Department is reconsidering what they may request funding for.

Highway Department – Supervisor Bryan noted that the Town received a compliment on 170th Avenue. Supervisor Johnson questioned allowing Monarch to take out the whole road to patch two areas and the quality of the work was questioned, suggesting slurry seal may be a more affordable option.

Planning Commission – Steve Arducer has made progress on the Cemetery issues and the Comprehensive Plan at the July 28th Meeting. The commission will prepare an addendum to Comprehensive Plan regarding cemeteries.

Issues to be reviewed and/or acted on:

1. CSM for Northland Surveying – Ken and Tammy Nelson, 145th Avenue, Ed Flanum presented. Board approved.
2. Abandonment of 131st Avenue needs final resolution and publication. Clerk will address these tasks.
3. Abandonment of Apple River Court – 330 foot roadway, final resolution and publication needed. Clerk to complete these tasks.
4. Prairie Oaks Memorial Eco Garden Cemetery - No new information to discuss.
5. Town of Georgetown Fire Coverage – Supervisor Molamphy asked how the department came up with the proposal cost for the Town of Georgetown. Fire Chief Lloyd-Adams stated that it was based on current costs of operation and the current call volume of Georgetown.

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Georgetown would like to move forward with splitting the Fire coverage; will meet with Jill Stoffel, County Communications Administrator; and require a Mutual Aid agreement with Luck for north end of Georgetown that Apple River will cover. The Fire Chief stated that an agreement is in place. Copies of the Mutual Aid agreements will be provided to Georgetown, as well as a copy of this evening's minutes.

6. Town of Lincoln Fire Coverage - Lincoln and Amery have come to agreement to become a Fire Association. This item will no longer need to be on our future agendas.

Next Month Agenda Items:

- New Cemetery Board and existing Planning Commission members appointments.
- Budget timeline.
- Resolutions of Abandonment for 131st Avenue and Apple River Lane.
- Town of Georgetown Fire Coverage.

Public Comments: None.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Monday, September 14th, 2020: Supervisor Workshop begins at 6 p.m.; Regular monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. Agenda items include:

Upcoming Events: August 11th Election, and August 29th, Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast.

Adjourn: Citing no further discussion the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Johnson motion to adjourn, motion 2nd by Supervisor Bryan. Motion carried.

Regular Board meeting of Town of Apple River for August was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by JoAnn Agne, Clerk