

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, August 9, 2021

All present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor King, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, Planning Commission Chair Arduser, Rick Scoglio, Rob LaBathe, Planning Commissioner Dale Schultz and Betty Bergstedt.

The August Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bryan.

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

Approval of Agenda: Chair Bryan commented that there was no need to discuss ARPA funds in the "Issues to be reviewed and/or Acted on": section of the agenda as this will be discussed earlier. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the agenda as amended. The motion to approve was 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Johnson to approve the Meeting minutes as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor King. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Clerk's Report: August is a quiet time for town business. Discussed the budget numbers - actual verses budgeted amounts. In the future the Clerk should gather additional detail for the Fire Department.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's July Report was presented by Treasurer Carlson. She noted that a savings account for the ARPA funds has been secured. A motion by Supervisor King was made to accept the Treasurer's report as given; motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

ARPA: Chair Bryan noted new information regarding the use of these funds has trailed off recently. He suggested everyone keep ears out for how other communities are using the funds and relay it to the Board.

County Report: Steve Arduser noted that there was no new information from the County.

Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed. Chair Bryan inquired if there were any questions. Hearing none, Chair called for approval of the vouchers as read. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the vouchers as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Voice vote called. Motion carried.

Supervisors Reports: Chair Bryan reported White Ash Lake met last month; he was unable to attend. He did note that Apple River Lane is in need of grading and has had water coverage issues. Supervisor King noted that the 165th Avenue bridge is progressing nicely and will be complete soon. Chair Bryan attended the Ambulance Board meeting for Supervisor King and reported that the merger is well under way, the finances are in better shape than last year but both are having staffing issues due to non competitive wages. Supervisor Johnson noted that the cemetery looked good. He noted that a group within the American Legion is placing flag poles at cemeteries in the county. A motion to approve \$750.00 for the installation of a flag pole at Shiloh Cemetery was made by Chair Bryan, motion to approve by Supervisor King. Approval seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion carried. Money will come from the Public Works budget funds.

Committee Reports: Elections – Nothing to report. Cemetery – See Supervisor's reports.

Department Reports: First Responders/Fire Department: Fire Chief Adams texted a report: Apple River - 5 medical calls, 2 fires, 1 water rescue; Georgetown - 4 medical calls, 1 ATV accident; and Clayton – 1 house

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fire. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is scheduled for the end of August. The Fire Department checkbooks were audited by the board and all records are in order. The Fire Department asked for an account balance for year end.

Highway Department – Some of the signs have not been installed as of yet. Some patching has occurred. Chair has not had contact with County for a couple of weeks, Josh must be on vacation. Complete ROW clearing County would not be started till this fall. Our contract with the County will expire at year end. Nick's Excavating will submit a bid to expand his contracts with Towns, as he does Bone Lake and Beaver. Supervisor Johnson noted work needs to be done on 120th Avenue near 70th Street. Chair did not contact Monarch yet for individual repairs needed. Polk County has not sent a bill this month. Money is available for other projects; again southern half of Apple River Lane needs fill to be lifted to remain dry preferably before school starts. Supervisor Johnson suggested gravel be applied to all the gravel roads as none has been applied for the past thirty years. Chair suggested not working on the gravel roads around White Ash due to continued logging. This would be a good year to complete graveling due to lack of other projects other than 165th Avenue Bridge. There is a boil at 120th Street near Goose Lake and needs attention. 120th Street carries high traffic count.

Planning Commission – 2020 Census information should be coming. Chair Arduser would like to update the Comprehensive Plan. Two members of commission need reappointing.

872 162nd Avenue Violation – Driveway was constructed without approval or review. After discussion with the Wisconsin Towns Association it was determined to let this driveway go, it was well constructed and is not in a poor location or would cause a safety issue. They recommended updating the ordinance to provide penalties.

Proposed Driveway 145th Avenue - Since original application, driveway layout has moved east and is in a better location everyone agreed. No issue with current design. To address future problems, Clerk to prepare a Process Flow Chart for the Driveway Permit with contacts.

Driveway Ordinance Review/Rewrite - Have the Planning Commission review new proposed driveway ordinance.

Animal Control Violation Fees – Treasurer Carlson discussed the Animal Control and the Citation ordinances. Following discussion it was determined we have the authority and tools to collect reimbursement when Humane Officer's bills are received.

Next Month's Agenda – Reappointment of two Planning Commission Members; Budget Review; and 2022 Road Plan.

Public Comments: Steve Arduser inquired when the bridge would be completed. August 28th is scheduled date of completion but may be completed sooner.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Next Regular Monthly Meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021: Supervisor Workshop begins at 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events: Fire Department is hosting a Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, August 28th.

Adjourn: Citing no further business, Chair noted he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor King motioned to adjourn. Motion to adjourn 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried. The Regular Meeting of Town of Apple River for August 2021 was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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