

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 15, 2022

The August Regular Board Meeting of the Town was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Bryan. The Chair explained that the August 8, 2022 meeting was continued due to a lack of a quorum and reconvened tonight, August 15, 2022.

Roll Call Present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor King, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, and Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser, Stacey Wilson and Danny Wilson, Nick's Trucking representative, Ken Weeks, Nancy Weeks, and Fritz Coulter.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Bryan inquired if everyone had reviewed this evening's agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as prepared was made by Chair Bryan. Motion to approve was seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the Regular July Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Chair Bryan to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion to approve the July Minutes was seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Public Input: None.

Clerk's Report: August 9 Partisan Primary Election was a success due to our poll workers but had poor participation with only 208 voters. ICE machine is at the County being serviced. Longtime Poll Worker Betty Bergstedt has moved out of Apple River and will no longer be able to work elections. A solar project has been proposed in the Town of Georgetown.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's July Report was presented by Treasurer Carlson. A motion by Chair Bryan was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

ARPA: No update to report.

BIL 2022: A presubmission for 120th Street surface was submitted.

Apple River Solar: No update is available.

County Report: None.

Vouchers: Chair Bryan read the vouchers aloud. He asked if there were any questions. Hearing none the Chair called for a motion to approve the vouchers as read. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the vouchers as read. Motion to approve, seconded by Chair Bryan. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Chair Bryan Report: Fire Hall work to be completed included replacing doors and installing security system that monitors access with use of a fob. Balsam Lutheran Church, 1115 Mains Crossing Avenue requested a sign change, such as 'No Through Street' as they currently have three 'Dead Ends' signs in a short distance. Chair will look into ordering a sign. Chair Bryan noted that White Ash Lake Rehab District will be installing signage to update the boat ramps area.

Supervisor King Report: King stated that the Ambulance merger has been approved and is moving forward.

Add an agenda item to the September Regular Meeting to appoint a Shiloh Cemetery Board.

Fire Department / First Responders: No report.

Highway Department: None.

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Plan Commission - Commission Chair Steve Arduser reported that the Commission discussed the removal of the house next door, but no recommendation was made. Two rezone applications will be heard on August 24th, and two appointments to the Planning Commission will need to be acted upon in September, as well.

Cigarette and Tobacco License - Vibe Smoke & Swag, LLC, 1300 110th Street - This is the former coffee shop. They have two other locations in Barron County, one in Turtle Lake. A motion by Supervisor Bryan was made to approve the application, motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

91st Street - Private Road owned by Weeks family- Request to transfer ownership to town - Ken Weeks provided a history of the property, and development of 6 lots. He provided two letters from owners of the lots supporting the transfer of the ownership. He has scheduled a contractor to repair the holes, and re-rock the entire surface beginning tomorrow. Chair Bryan met Mr. Weeks at the site, and expressed concern over the condition and narrow width of the road surface. Chair Bryan stated it would be difficult for the Town to take over the road, considering the present condition. Planning Commission Chair Arduser stated that we are obligated to only accept paved roadways dedicated to the Town. Fritz Coulter was active on the Town Board at the time the Weeks CSM was reviewed, and the option to dedicate the street to the Town was denied. He recalled the number of lots created did not meet code, hence the denial. No action was taken on the Weeks request.

Preliminary 2023 Budget Discussion – Need to begin to compile year-to-dates for the budget review process. The Budget Hearing will be scheduled in November. Great strides were accomplished last budget cycle and we will draft the Budget in Work Sessions prior to our regularly scheduled meetings.

Fill Unexpired Term of Supervisor Ansel Johnson – Item was tabled until the September meeting.

Next Month Agenda Items:

- Fill unexpired term of Supervisor Ansel Johnson.
- Dale Smith - 1725 County Rd "E", Rezone Request from A-10 to R-1 Residential.
- Art Gillitzer- 616 US Hwy 8, Rezone Request from A-10 to Hamlet.
- Appoint a Shiloh Cemetery Board.
- Plan Commission Appointments to fill the expired terms of Dale Schultz and Justin Duncan- September 2022.

Public Comments: Fritz Coulter inquired if the Town was going to hold a referendum for the voters to decide this November on the taxing of the parcels to pay the loan to purchase the adjoining property to Town Hall. The Board assured that the process followed was strictly according to Statutes upon the recommendations from the Towns Association.

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2022, Work Session 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM.

Other Upcoming Events: Annual Fireman's Pancake Breakfast August 27th

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to adjourn. Supervisor King made the motion to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Chair Bryan. A voice vote was called. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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