

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 8, 2024

Chair Bryan called the **Meeting to Order** at 7:05 p.m. Present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor King, Treasurer Geist, Clerk Agne. Others in attendance: Gary and Diane Cardinal. Chair Bryan noted that Supervisor Mullenbach was not present due to illness.

Chair inquired, Clerk verified that the **Public Notice** requirements were met.

The Chair asked Board to review **Agenda**, called for corrections or additions. Chair Bryan noted that the Energy Licensing Ordinance Review also includes the General Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Supervisor Bryan to approve tonight's agenda as amended, motion seconded by Supervisor King. Voice vote called. Motion approved.

The Chair requested a review of the **Minutes from the December Regular Meeting**. A note of correction voiced by Supervisor King that regarding an error referring to Supervisor Mullenbach as "Chair". Clerk noted the correction. Motion to **approve the minutes as amended** made by chair Bryan. Supervisor King **seconded the motion** to approve. Motion carried.

Public Input: Gary Cardinal asked to be placed on next month's agenda to propose an amendment to Ordinance 2018 , Section 4, paragraph 3. Animal Control Officer Darel Hall is working with the Cardinals. The board agreed to the request. Chair Bryan noted that this is a timely request; WTA recommends towns regularly review their ordinances for validity. Chair Bryan suggested that this would occur during the Supervisor's work sessions prior to our meetings.

Clerk's Report: The Assessor submitted dates for the Open Book and Board of Review. April 2 is the next election. A low turnout is expected due to lack of candidates. Many year-end reports have been filed. Matheny Construction has renewed 3-local pits for an additional 10 years. Kay Shimek has requested the Assessor reconsider the assessment of her property, Randy Prochnow has agreed. Chair Bryan reminded Clerk to find the title of the new Fire Vehicle and get it licensed.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's January 2024 Report was presented by Treasurer Geist. Motion by Chair Bryan made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

County Report: None.

Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed. Chair Brian inquired if there were any additional discussion regarding the vouchers. Hearing none, the Chair called for a motion for the approval of the vouchers as presented. A motion was made by Supervisor King to **approve the vouchers**. Motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Bryan. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Supervisor Reports: Chair Bryan reported on the Highway Department having a sanding issue by not completing a run to the end of the road. Chair will follow up on this. A WTA District Meeting is coming up. Regarding Apple River Solar project, will need to discuss fire training and resources available within our agreement. Next Wednesday, a Village of Balsam Lake meeting to discuss the Fire Department will occur. Supervisor King noted several locations of tire dumping have occurred. Ambulance Meeting is next Monday.

Elections: Already covered.

Ambulance – Supervisor King will update at our next meeting.

Cemetery Committee – None.

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Fire Department: Chair Bryan stated 2023 FD calls total at 184. January had 11 calls, 3 Georgetown, 7 Apple River, 1 for Balsam Lake. An account will be set up for QuikTrip for refueling with 24 hour service. On January 2, Fire Chief Alec Adams and Assistant Chief Berry were reelected to these positions. The departments' Gun Raffle netted \$4,000. Eagle Lounge will hold fundraiser for the department in February. He will contact the grant writer.

Town Plan Commission: None.

Issues to be Reviewed and or Acted On: Chair Bryan overviewed the process of the Planning Commission to review and recommend the Energy Licensing and General Zoning Ordinances to the Board. Chair Bryan anticipates a March public hearing and final adoption at the Annual Meeting in April.

Randy Prochnow requested **April 10 1-3 PM for Open Book** and **April 23 1-3 PM for Board of Review**, all held at the Town Hall. Motion made by Chair Bryan to **approve these dates**, motion seconded by Supervisor King. Motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda: 1. Cardinal request to amend Ordinance 2018. 2. Energy Licensing and General Zoning Ordinance review.

Public comments: None.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024, Work Session (Ordinance review) 6 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.

Other Upcoming Events - Saturday, February 24th Fireman's Christmas Party.

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Supervisor King made the **Motion to Adjourn** the meeting. **Motion to Adjourn** was seconded by Chair Bryan. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:44 p.m.