

**TOWN OF APPLE RIVER**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 12, 2024

Chair Bryan called the **Meeting to Order** at 7 p.m. Present: Chair Bryan; Supervisor Mullenbach; Treasurer Geist; Clerk Agne; Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser; Adam Jarchow; Gary Cardinal; Diane Cardinal; Garret Seebandt, Dairyland Power Coop Right-of-Way Agent; and Humane Officer, Darel Hall. Chair Bryan noted Supervisor King's absence due to illness.

Chair Bryan inquired if the Issues to be Reviewed items should be moved up on the Agenda to allow folks to not have to sit through the entire meeting. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to amend the agenda to move the Issues to be Reviewed forward on the agenda. Motion seconded to amend the agenda by Chair Bryan.

**Issues to be Reviewed and or Acted On:** Dog & Animal Control Ordinance Complaint – Gary & Diane Cardinal discussed a complaint about dogs barking at 1323 70<sup>th</sup> Street. They requested the Board enforce the Ordinance. Chair Bryan offered to follow up with the owners.

**Dairyland Power Cooperative** is planning to upgrade an existing 161,000 Kilovolt (161 kV) overhead electrical transmission line along Township Road right-of-way. The project is a maintenance project and will consist of removing the existing wire and pulling/stringing in the new replacement 72-strand optical ground wire (OPGW). Garret Seebandt, ROW Agent overviewed the project and inquired about the Town's permit process. Town will send a format for Permit authorization to Garret.

**General Zoning Ordinance** review-Adam Jarchow overviewed the process and content of the ordinance. The draft will be discussed in a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. The Board will review at the March meeting and then take it to the Annual Meeting in April.

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

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the **Minutes of January 2024 Meeting** were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to approve the Minutes as written, motion seconded by Chair Bryan. A voice vote was called, and the Minutes were approved.

**Public Input:** None.

**Clerk's Report:** Spring Election is April 2, low voter turnout is expected.

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

**County Report:** Steve Arduser reported that Sara McCurdy was appointed Environmental Services Director, the interviews for Zoning Administrator are ongoing and a Compliance officer position is open.

**Vouchers:** Vouchers were reviewed. The Chair called for a motion for the approval of the vouchers as presented. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to approve the vouchers as prepared. Motion to approve, seconded by Chair Bryan. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

**Supervisor Reports:** Supervisor Bryan reported on the Highway Department, Danny was sick, unable to attend. Two potholes are reported on Goose Lake. Township borders roads ditches need to be cleaned up, road patching will begin next week. Culvert audit needs to be conducted. Roads' weight limit restrictions have been posted.

The WTA Conference is coming up. Chair noted that education and training opportunities for the Board and Fire Department expenses, fees, travel and hotel cost will be covered by the Town. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to cover such expenses, motion seconded by Chair Bryan. Motion carried.

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Chair Bryan will need Board of Review training materials.

**Planning Commission:** The PC will meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> to review the updated zoning ordinance draft. A Board of Adjustment needs to be created. Zoning Administration needs to be addressed. The Comprehensive Plan needs updating.

**Elections:** None.

**Ambulance** –None.

**Cemetery Committee** –None.

**Department Reports:** **Fire** Chief Alex Lloyd-Adams not in attendance. Chair Bryan reported on January's calls. Georgetown had 1 crash and 1 medical. Balsam Lake 1 medical, 3 fire alarms, 3 structure fires. Amery had 1 medical. Apple River had 1 crash and 6 medical calls for a total of 17 calls. A regional fire coverage committee is being formed including Kerry Bryan, Alec Adams, two Balsam Lakes reps and one representative from Georgetown.

**Items for Next Month's Agenda:**

Follow up on Dog complaint from Cardinals at 1323 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

Zoning Ordinance Review.

**Public comments:** None.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting** will be held Monday, March 11, 2024, Work Session 6 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.

**Other Upcoming Events** – Saturday, February 24, Fireman's Christmas Party 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 2 Spring Presidential Preference Election

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Supervisor Mullenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion to Adjourn** was seconded by Chair Bryan. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:55 p.m.