

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2023

The **Regular August Board Meeting** was called to order by Chair Bryan at 7:00 pm. All Town representatives **present:** Chair Bryan, Supervisor Mullenbach, Supervisor King, Treasurer Geist, Clerk Agne, Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser and Fire Chief Alec Lloyd-Adams. Others attending include Balsam Lake Village representatives Jim Duncan, Jr., President; Len Manning, Trustee; Amy VanDeBrake Clerk and Treasurer; others present were Larry Grimm, Marcia Grimm, Larry Gullickson, Town of Garfield; and Adam Jarchow. The Clerk confirmed appropriate Public Notice.

Approval of **Meeting Agenda:** Chair Bryan requested a review of this evening's agenda. Chair Bryan motioned to move up the Issues to be reviewed and/or acted on earlier in the agenda to accommodate guests in attendance. Supervisor Mullenbach seconded this motion. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes from Regular July Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Public Input: None.

Items to Be Reviewed and/or Acted Upon: Discuss Fire Protection Options with a Quorum of the Village of Balsam Lake about ARFD Services. The Village of Balsam Lake are pleased with the assistance of the ARFD and would like to discuss compensation for the service, and how this arrangement can work for both towns. A meeting will be scheduled with Apple River and Balsam Lake Public Protection Committee to further discuss cooperation between the towns.

Zoning Ordinance – Ed Gullickson, Town of Garfield noted recent personnel changes within the County Zoning Office. He overviewed Garfield implementing their own zoning ordinance in 2003. Shoreland Protection will always be administered by Polk County Zoning office. The Town of Garfield has a Planning Commission, but their Building Inspector enforces the code. Since 2007 there have been only two applications for Variances. Zoning violations are turned over to the District Attorney's office. Gullickson considers Garfield's transition to local zoning a success.

Wind/Solar Regulation Ordinance – Adam Jarchow presented examples of wind and solar regulation ordinances. Case law is not complete. Solar is easier to enforce to protect the health, safety and welfare. The State of Wisconsin tries to preempt local regulation, Apple River may want to consider drafting own criteria to site these facilities.

Resolution by Planning Commission to Allow Residents the Option to Hire the Local Building Inspector to Conduct Commercial Electrical Inspections-State currently conducts commercial electrical inspections but are expensive. The planning Commission voted to recommend allowing the local inspector to conduct commercial electrical inspections. Clerk shall prepare such a Resolution for the September meeting.

Larry Grimm reduced setback request for 1609 S. White Ash Lane – Steve Arduser, Planning Commission Chair reported that the Planning Commission recommended to approve the Variance request. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to **approve** the request. Motion **seconded** by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion **approved**.

Clerk's Report: New estimated population figure is 2000.

Report by Treasurer: The July Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Geist. **Motion** by Supervisor King to **approve** Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The **motion carried**.

County Report: Steve Arduser, reported the head of the Polk County Zoning has resigned.

Vouchers: Chair Bryan read the vouchers aloud. Motion by Supervisor King to approve vouchers. Motion to **approve**, seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The **motion carried**.

Fire Department – Chief Lloyd-Adams said Georgetown wanted Apple River to cover their entire town. The Balsam Lake Fire Hall would make a good base for an ambulance.

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Next Month Agenda Items: Resolution to allow Commercial Electrical Inspection options.

Public Comments: None.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023, Work Session 6 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.

Other Upcoming Events- Our Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, August 27.

Citing no further business, Chair Bryan entertained a **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting. Supervisor Mullenbach made a **Motion to Adjourn**. Motion was **seconded** by Supervisor King. All **eyes**. **Motion carried**, meeting **adjourned** at 7:52 p.m.