

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, January 11, 2021

All present: Chair Scoglio, Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor Bryan, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, Plan Commission Chair Arduer, Fire Chief Lloyd-Adams, Fireman Root, Fireman LaBathe, and Betty Bergstedt.

A Public Hearing for ordinance changes was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Cemeteries in the Comprehensive Plan - New language was recommended, noting adequate availability of existing cemetery lots, with less demand. Requiring a Conditional Use Permit for a new Cemetery, where permitted, was also recommended. Chair Scoglio asked if there were questions or comments, there were none.

The second ordinance change is to amend the composition of the Commission. This would allow a non-voting Board member to sit on the Commission for one year term until a citizen member is found. Chair called for questions or discussion. Motion was made by Supervisor Bryan, motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn the Public Hearing. Voice vote passed, hearing adjourned.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Board action on the two ordinance changes were moved to the regular meeting agenda. A motion by Supervisor Kerry to approve the agenda as amended. Motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Public Input – None.

Clerk's Report – Tax bills mailed; two elections: February 16 and April 6; Assessor requested approval of Open Book - April 7 and Board of Review - April 27, and the Loan Paperwork Extension was processed.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's December Report was presented by Janice Carlson. A motion by Supervisor Kerry was made to accept the Treasurer's report as given; motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

County Report: Steve Arduer reported that Polk County is hiring a Compliance Officer. He added that the Clayton Township Clerk is also on the County Board, serving on the Environmental Committee and would be a good contact for updates on the Apple River Solar project.

Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed. Chair called for approval of the vouchers as read. The Polk County Highway Bill was singled out for additional discussion. Board determined to not pay for unauthorized paving work completed on 165th Ave and at 110th St & 175th Ave. A new check will be prepared that is \$1835.86 less than the total. Authority for a check to Industrial Safety for the Ultra High Pressure unit was given. Motion by Supervisor Bryan to approve the vouchers as amended, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Voice vote called. Motion carried.

Supervisors Reports: Chair Scoglio – none. Supervisor Bryan reviewed a draft Highway Maintenance Plan he is working on. Supervisor Johnson had no report.

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Committee Reports: Election - Two elections will be held this year. Ambulance - Amery Area Ambulance has had mishaps with ambulances crashing recently. Cemetery – none.

Department Reports: Fire Department/Ambulance - Chief Adams provided report for month of December: 7 medical calls, and 1 (one) auto accident. The FD made their first response to a call in the Town of Georgetown earlier this month. The FD made a decision that the ultra high pressure system was necessary. They requested \$10K from their budget, \$10K from Capitol Fund and \$7,690.00 out of checking account to purchase unit. By acting now, the system could be ordered and be in operation by grass fire season this summer. Present Officers were voted to remain in place. Motion by Supervisor Johnson to accept the current slate of Fire Department Officers, motion seconded by Supervisor Bryan. Voice vote called. Motion carried.

Highway Department – no additional discussion.

Planning Commission – Planning Commission Chair Arduser stated that the Commission did not meet in December but will meet January 26th for a Jarchow minor subdivision, a Clark Trust minor subdivision and begin to review notification of adjacent landowners of projects.

Issues to be Reviewed and Acted upon: Cemeteries in the Comprehensive Plan - Supervisor Bryan moved to approve the new language, motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Plan Commission Makeup - Supervisor Bryan moved to approve revision in commission makeup, motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment - Appointment to fill vacancy for the Planning Commission – Motion by Supervisor Johnson to appoint Janice Carlson to the Planning Commission vacancy for a one (1) year term. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bryan. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Abandonment of Apple River Court: Resolution of Abandonment of Apple River Court was posted and will be published. The Resolution was read and will go before the Board at the February meeting.

Next Month's Agenda - Public Hearing for Abandonment of Apple River Court; Jarchow Minor Subdivision; and Clark Trust Minor Subdivision. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Polk County Highway Maintenance will be presented.

Public Comments: None.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 21, 7 p.m. the Bi-Annual Caucus will be held. Next Regular Monthly Meeting is Monday, February 8th, 2021: Supervisor Workshop begins at 6 p.m.; Public Hearing for the Abandonment of Apple River Court, 6:50 p.m., Regularly scheduled meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events: None.

Adjourn: Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Bryan motion to adjourn meeting, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried. The Meeting of Town of Apple River for January 2020 was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.