

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, July 12, 2021

All present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor King, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, Plan Commission Chair Arduser, Rick Scoglio, Fire Chief Adams, and Fire Personnel Jim Root and Tessa Halverson.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Supervisor King to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion to approve was 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: None.

Clerk's Report: Prochnow Assessor has completed majority of fieldwork as of last Friday. Only two or three individuals opted to deny our Assessor access to their property. We may see these individuals at Board of Review next year. We received our first installment of ARPA funds. Have a request for a dead end sign to be installed at 150th Avenue. A new SFR Building Permit was issued as well as several other building permits.

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

Chair Bryan suggested the ARPA Funds be placed in a separate account for easy tracking of the funds. Motion by Supervisor Johnson to create a new savings account for the ARPA Funds, motion 2nd by Supervisor King. Motion carried. Treasurer Carlson will create a savings account for these funds. At next meeting we will discuss passing on the fees or costs for animal control to the person causing the violation. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried.

With ARPA the Town received a little over \$60K. Have until 2024 to spend the funds. One suggestion is for new fire numbers for our residences. Another suggestion was for high speed internet installation. Chair is collecting utility maps and other research regarding high speed internet.

County Report: None.

Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed, July is a payroll month. Chair Bryan inquired if there were any questions. Hearing none, Chair called for approval of the vouchers as read. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the vouchers as presented, motion 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Voice vote called. Motion carried.

Supervisors Reports: Chair Bryan reported that the Town Hall survey was completed and some blacktop and an LP tank are across the property lines. No action will occur unless the neighbor expresses concerns. Chair has filed in conjunction with the County request for bridge grants that included a culvert on 110th. Supervisor Johnson – none. Supervisor King reported he is researching other options for brushing and has made a contact for a local grant writer. He will invite the grant writer to our meeting.

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Elections – Janice Carlson explained the process of updating the election records working with the State.

Committee Reports: Shiloh Cemetery – Many cemeteries are installing new flag poles with an American Legion group county wide. Discussion followed.

Department Reports: First Responders/Fire Department: Fireman Root reported a planned exercise burn of the house on Monarch’s property with many neighboring departments assisting in the training exercise. An audit of the Fire Department will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm. Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for the end of August. With the Department’s Expedition, Med 1 totaled, the department bought the vehicle back. Is the vehicle insurable? Fire Chief Adams texted his report: House fire - Amery; Shed fire - Clayton; Water Rescue – Clear Lake; Car accident and 4 medical calls- Georgetown; Gas leak, 3 medical calls, 3 car accidents – Apple River. The Expedition, Med 1 is insured.

Highway Department – Three signs needing job code to be installed. A hidden driveway, school bus sign and dead end sign for installation by the County. Chair Bryan discussed road repair issues needing attention including brushing, Apple River Lane gravel, 110th Culvert, 70th Street and 120th Avenue patching needed.

Planning Commission – Chair Arduser asked the Clerk to contact Tim Anderson, County Planner to add the cemetery changes to the Comprehensive Plan on the County’s website for the Town. Planning Commission met regarding the variance request on Belisle Court, the next item on agenda.

Variance Request, Garage - 1781 Belisle Court - Gary Bruce for Christopher Miller. Gary Bruce presented the request for a variance for his client. The Planning Commission recommended 4-0 to deny the request based on the abundance of space to place the garage. Discussion followed. Motion made by Supervisor Johnson to deny the request for the variance, motion 2nd by Supervisor King. Motion to deny carried 3-0.

ROW Brushing– Chair Bryan got a bid for \$72/hour for equipment rental from the County. Similar quote from rental company found in Towns Association publication. There are fifty miles of road, maybe 70 miles mowing. Several concerns were raised, including insurance, untrained operators, hidden objects, and the availability of equipment. Task may not be feasible for Town to accomplish on own. Intersections need immediate attention, Chair will ask County if a crew and equipment to available to complete.

Next Month’s Agenda – None.

Public Comments: Rick Scoglio noted that Ag Frontier may rent equipment out and Town’s with a department may rent out equipment. He had an ARPA Fund suggestion to install dry hydrants for fire suppression.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Next Regular Monthly Meeting is Monday, August 9th, 2021: Supervisor Workshop begins at 6 p.m.; the regularly scheduled meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for August 28th 6 -11 a.m.

Adjourn: Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor King motioned to adjourn meeting, motion to adjourn 2nd by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried. The Regular Meeting of Town of Apple River for July 2021 was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.