

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2023

Chair Bryan called the **Meeting to Order** at 7 p.m. Present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor King, Supervisor Mullenbach, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser. Others in attendance: Michael Markee, Cheryl Casey, Wayne Casey, Justin Duncan, Marie Geist, Richie Nelson, Jered Smith, Dave Smith and Danny Wilson of Nick's Trucking & Excavating.

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

The Chair asked Board to review **Agenda**, called for corrections or additions. Motion by Supervisor King, and motion to approve agenda as presented, motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. Voice vote called. Motion approved.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the **Minutes from the January Caucus**. Note of correction voiced regarding the nomination of Marie Geist as a candidate for Treasurer. It was Alec Lloyd-Adams not Chad King as draft minutes stated. Motion to approve the January Caucus minutes as amended by Supervisor Mullenbach, motion seconded by Supervisor King. Motion carried.

Regular Minutes of January 2023 Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the Minutes as written, motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called, and the Minutes were approved.

Public Input: None.

Clerk's Report: Spring Primary is February 21. Absentee Ballots total about 26. Town of Georgetown Fire Coverage invoice has been mailed. The LRIP application is missing the Verification of Publication. Chair Bryan stated he may have that in his records. He will share records with the Clerk.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's January 2023 Report was presented by Treasurer Carlson. A minor discrepancy of \$23 dollars exists. Treasurer Carlson is trying to account for it. Georgetown has been billed for Fire Coverage. Johnston is current for Fire Coverage fees. It was determined that upon receipt of the Georgetown funds, the Truck Fund deposit of \$10,000 transfer should be completed to the Truck Fund. A trigger for this to occur annually should be created. Motion by Supervisor King made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

ARPA: Our Security System, payment for the adjoining property purchase, grading for the rear, security doors in Fire Hall, and painting will be attributed to that fund. Quarterly reporting should be due soon and Chair will work with the Clerk to complete this.

Apple River Solar: New correspondence regarding the installation of a Battery Storage Facility. Janice Carlson noted that the Amery Free Press had an article regarding the Polk County reviewing the Solar Facility citing criteria.

County Report: Steve Arduser reported that Tim Anderson, County Planner has left for a new position. The County FEMA Flood Maps are in the process of being revised.

Vouchers: Vouchers were read. 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. Motion by Supervisor Mullenbach to approve the vouchers as prepared. Motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Bryan reported on the Highway Department. He noted the Highway issues would be discussed later the agenda, so his report was brief. Much time was spent on the Smith Rezoning application, and Spring educational meeting for officials is coming up as well.

Elections: Testing of the Election Equipment is scheduled for Friday, February 17 at 1 p.m.

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Ambulance – Supervisor King reported the purchase of a Chase Police Interceptor. Hours have been opened up and are being filled.

Cemetery Committee – Form for Dave Waterman to complete as former Cemetery Board Member is ready for his signature. Next meeting is in a couple of months.

Department Reports: Fire Chief Alex Lloyd-Adams not in attendance. Chair Bryan missed the last Fire Meeting due to a conflict. Need to close the books for 2022. The Department wants to sell the existing Brush Truck and purchase a new one as the existing unit is not meeting their needs. They will take the flat bed off the existing truck to place on the new chassis. The difficulty is finding one suitable with their budget of \$20,000. Security Fabs will be distributed soon at the Fire Christmas party. Meanwhile the key will work for access in the transitional period.

Highway Department: Issues with residents pushing snow across the roadbed but dumped within the plowing corridor or ROW have arisen. Equipment damage to Nick's Trucking has occurred. Polk County Sheriff Department does not enforce this problem, it is up to the Townships. Mailbox damage is also an issue but only machine contact is covered by Nick's Trucking & Excavating, not snow or ice damage. Snow plow bouncing was addressed, a spring was replaced, and the issue should not occur in the future.

Town Plan Commission: January 24, CSM for Casey. Minor Subdivision for Johnson. Resolution for Building Inspector to complete commercial electrical permits. This item was tabled.

Issues to be Reviewed and or Acted On:

Reconsideration of Dale Smith Rezone application. This rezone has been debated greatly due to current violations. It was passed back down to the Board at our request. Our Planning Commission and Board did approve the application then violations occurred, and were not remediated by the owners as cited by County Zoning. A motion by Supervisor Mullenbach was made to table this request and further consultation with Polk County Zoning and legal counsel. Motion seconded by Supervisor Bryan. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

CSM for Sheryl and Wayne Casey – 667 US Highway 8. Cheryl Casey overviewed their plans to subdivide the acreage into two parcels, leaving the existing home and shed on 5 acres. The State approved a shared access and allowed it to be widened on Highway 8. A new home will be placed on the new parcel. A motion by Supervisor Mullenbach was made to approve the Casey CSM as proposed. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Minor Subdivision for Johnson, Mains Crossing Avenue. Proposal to subdivide a 10-acre parcel, the existing field, leaving an access easement to the wooded parcel in rear. Motion by Chair Bryan made to approve the Johnson Minor Subdivision with stipulation to increase to the proposed easement width from 20 to 24 feet to meet the 24' requirement in the Driveway Ordinance. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mullenbach. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda: Dale Smith Rezoning application.

Public comments: None.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2023, Work Session 6 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.

Other Upcoming Events - Tuesday, February 21st Spring Primary Election

Saturday, February 25th Fireman's Christmas Party, DN Campground- 6 p.m.

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 Supervisor King. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was **adjourned**. Time is 8:44 p.m.