

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 10, 2022

All present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor King, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, Fire Chief Alec Lloyd-Adams, Commission Chair Steve Arduser. Residents in attendance: Brian Johnson and Justin Duncan.

The January Regular Board Meeting of the Town was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Bryan.

Verification of Public Notice was affirmed by the Clerk. A copy of the Notice was provided.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Bryan inquired if everyone had reviewed this evening's agenda. Hearing no changes or corrections, Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion to approve was seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the Regular December Board Meeting were reviewed. Chair Bryan inquired if anyone had any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Public Input: Justin Duncan commented that the snowplow truck drivers from the County were improving on clearing intersections and roadways.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Agne reported that the Final Rules for ARPA Funds has been released. It is a 40-page document.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's December Report was presented by Treasurer Carlson. A motion by Supervisor King was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

ARPA: No new information.

Apple River Solar: An email update was provided by the Project Manager Kara Heffelbower that there are no supply chain delays. The delay is the interconnected study and agreements. She suggested the delay would push the start date out till late 2023 at the earliest.

County Report: None.

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 the vouchers as presented. Motion by Supervisor King to approve the vouchers as proposed. Motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. The motion carried.

Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Bryan reported on the highway projects. He noted that brushing would be discussed later on the agenda, so his report was brief. Supervisor King had no report at present. Supervisor Johnson reported his concerns regarding the dim solar light in our cemetery. Options were discussed but no resolution was achieved.

Committee report. Elections - It was reported there will be 3 elections held this year. Ambulance –

Supervisor King reported that the ambulance board is still addressing concerns and issues regarding the merger.

Department Reports: Fire Chief Alex Lloyd-Adams provided a 2021 year end report. He stated the number of calls responded to in Georgetown and in Johnstown were consistent with anticipated demand, and fees charged. He noted the number of calls that occur in neighboring communities that Apple River covers has steadily increased and will continue to do so as other departments experiencing reduced fire personnel response to calls. He anticipates future

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expansion of the Apple River Fire service area with a regional approach county-wide, as these trends continue in the next few years.

Highway Department: A Request for Proposals will be drafted by Supervisor King to publish to address the our needs for more dependable road maintenance.

Town Plan Commission: None.

Issues to be reviewed and or acted on:

Brushing - Supervisor Johnson stated it has been over 30 years since a complete town wide clearing of right-of-ways was completed. He expressed concern over the liability issues for the Town if an accident occurred due to poor visibility at intersections. He acquired two quotes for acquisition of brushing equipment, tractor and mowers. He presented the pros and cons of each option, with verbal quotes from dealers, but no written bids. A lengthy discussion followed. Concerns were expressed that this was premature with request for bids for highway maintenance being prepared. Who would operate the equipment, full or part time individual? Storage and budget questions were raised. How does the purchase look on paper after cost vs potential savings?

Neighboring property for sale - Supervisor Bryan stated he was approached by Dick Waterman that the property adjoining the Town Hall site would be placed on the market in the near future. He wanted to give the Town first opportunity to purchase it for future expansion. The Plan Commissioner Chair, Steve Arduser informed the Board that the commission researched the purchase. They recommended to the Board that the property should be acquired as it was in the best interest of the Town. However the Town did not act quickly enough, and the property was sold.

Motion by Chairman Bryan to a call a Special Meeting to further discuss the potential purchase of brushing equipment and the adjoining property. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was held. Motion carried. The meeting will be held on January 17. The Clerk noted she would not be in attendance but would complete the notice requirements for the meeting.

Next meeting dates are Monday, January 17th for a Special Meeting 6 PM.

Next Regular scheduled Board Meeting will be held Monday, February 14, 2022, Work Session 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM.

Other upcoming events- None.

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Supervisor King made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to Adjourn was seconded by Chair Bryan. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 PM.