

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 9, 2022

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

All present: Chair Bryan, Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor King, Treasurer Carlson, Clerk Agne, and Planning Commission Chair Steve Arduser, Janice Frederickson, Justin Duncan, Fritz Coulter, and Fire Chief Alec Lloyd-Adams.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Bryan inquired if everyone had reviewed this evening's agenda. An item was unintentionally left off, the Northwest Ambulance merger, and needs to be added. A motion to approve the agenda by Supervisor King, as amended. 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 April Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion by Supervisor King to approve the minutes of the April meeting as submitted. The motion to approve was seconded by Supervisor Johnson. A voice vote was called. Motion approved.

Public Input: Janice Frederickson as spokesperson for several individuals recommended the board address three issues: 1. Abandoned vehicles in yards; 2. Debris in ditches, diapers in particular; 3. Brushing debris left in ditches. Discussion followed.

Clerk's Report: Complaints of residence Hwy 8 and 46, working on annual financial document due May 15, ARPA Qtrly Report; and the Road Restrictions have been lifted.

Report by Treasurer: The Treasurer's March 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 is available.

BIL – First round is June 3 for 2022-2-23 year. Planning dollars are available.

Apple River Solar: No new update.

County Report: None.

Vouchers: Vouchers were reviewed. Chair Bryan summarized the vouchers. The Chair called for a motion for the approval the vouchers as presented. A 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: Chair indicated his report are covered elsewhere in the agenda. Supervisor King noted the brushing was going well, nearly done. Ambulance services will be discussed later in agenda.

Fire Department/EMS: The Fire department is working with a grant writer to determine fundable projects; firetruck; or fire hall. In 2021, 137 calls were responded to including 14 fire calls. But only 2 (two) of the 14 fires were in our coverage area. Chief Adams gave his April Report. Apple River; 2 car accidents; 10 medical calls; 1 ATV accident. Georgetown area: 1 fire-false alarm; 1 burn victim; and 1 car accident.

Highway Department: Road tour identified 165th Avenue; 120th Street; 70th Street north of Jerry Johnson's home; about 40 (forty) spots needed two people crew patch work. White Ash area road shoulders are broken down by logging activity.

Cemetery: Solar lights are purchased, need to be installed and flag is tattered and needs replacing.

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The Seasonal Road Maintenance Bids were opened and reviewed at the 6 pm work session. Chair discussed the charges by the County and compared two. Discussion followed. Motion by Chair Bryan, seconded by Chad King to approve the Bid for Nick Walton Trucking to do Seasonal Maintenance for the town beginning June 1, 2022, for a five (5) year period with annual review. Supervisor King seconded motion to accept the bid. A voice vote was called, motion carried unanimously. Clerk will notify Walton Trucking and inquire about a working contract to review.

Town Planning Commission Chairman, Steve Arduser noted the commission met April 26 and approved with conditions a Rezone Request for 1787 County Road I from A10 to B3, Commercial. Limited new units to 3 (Request was for 5), an enclosed central trash collection; access road continue to Neibel Lane; and landscaping screens added to plan. Developer Jackson Rodhe overviewed the proposal. Motion by Chair Bryan to approve 5 units to be constructed with the remaining (non unit numbers) conditions determined by the Planning Commission. Motion to approve seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Planning Commission also recommended approval of Larry Holmen CSM with minor corrections. Motion by Chair Bryan to approve the CSM as submitted. Motion seconded by Supervisor King. A voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Neighboring property purchase on track following the Phase 1 report being completed.

Board directed the Planning Commission to review a junk and or nuisance ordinance for possible future adoption.

Supervisor Kerry updated the Board on the adjacent property purchase, Brian Burns, Attorney is on board. Phase I study to start tomorrow. New revised purchase document will be out soon.

Public comments: None.

Next month items: Driveway ordinance fee increase as recommended at the Annual Meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 13, 2022, Work Session 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM.

Citing no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Supervisor King made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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