

April 24, 2017  
Special Meeting

Chairman Ruzic called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All present. Postings verified.

Vince set ground rules for public comment. Individuals will raise hand to be acknowledged, identify yourself, and there will be a 4 minute limit.

Vince started with a statement to raise positives about mining.

Jackson Mitchell gave presentation on his company and possible scenarios with Garden Valley.

Dean Chase made a statement to include advancements. Other citizens to speak were Dennis Gjerset, Wade Stubrud, Tom Lister, Cindy Wolfgram, Rom Reninger, Dwight Swenson, Mike Silla, Dan Cramer, Jack Dryak, Tim Zigland, Dick Sollis, and Pat Popple. Most of the comments were about the problems, disadvantages, and health risks of mining.

No actions were taken.

Richard made the motion to adjourn. Bill seconded. Carried.

Kathy Leis, Clerk  
Addendum

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Additional information

Vince gave a short statement stating some advantages of the mining industry to include: cheap fuel, jobs, dollars to townships and road upkeep.

Jack Mitchell gave a frac sand mining presentation about Wisconsin Proppants. Discussed the Town fund - \$0.10 for the first 1 million tons of sand \$0.05 after that. 50% of the fund paid on township material is harvested. 25% for the wet and 25% for the dry plant. Estimated 10 million tons of material in Garden Valley of the specifications 20/70. They would increase the tax base, more jobs and they use local vendors.

Citizens spoke and Mitchell was allowed to respond.

Dean Chase spoke on the oil fields, and advancements to be made.

Dennis Gjersteth made an anti mining statement.

Wade Stubrud asked about the zoning change procedure.

Tom Lister - attorney - spoke about the nuisance factor, from blasting, air and water quality, lighting, noise, and other health issues.

Cindy Wolfgram - nurse - spoke about silicosis, breathing issues.

Tom Reninger - former state engineer - spoke about dust in air and water issues.

Dwight Swenson - Curran chairman - spoke about mining concerns - environmental and economic.

Mike Silla - spoke on experience in Whitehall - water and air problems

Dan Kramer - Anti mining statement

Jack Dryak - Aesthetic effect of the countryside.

Dick Solis - anti mining statement

Tony Dryak - Economic - Value of property near mines. Offers to township no guarantee.

Ron Casper - Spoke about what will stop others from coming into Garden Valley if we allow one.