

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor I Richard Larson, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Treasurer Betty Janke and Clerk Ann Klieforth were present.

Proper public posting was verified.

Request by Chairman Ronnie Casper to address Item #11a and 11c respectively to accommodate representatives to continue to other meetings/commitments.

New Business (Items a and c moved ahead):

- a) Don Forsting, Treasurer of the Alma Center Community Fire District spoke about a Fire Protection and Emergency Services Agreement with the Town. Fire districts are dealing with rising costs, repairs and upgrades for equipment necessary to keep their services effective. Mr. Forsting discussed the need for more revenue for operations in the present and future of fire and protective services. Board discussed questions and processes, including funding sources with Mr. Forsting, and noted their support for this arrangement with the Fire District.
- c) Road bids were opened and read as presented. Representatives from both Scott Construction and Mathy Construction were present. Results were reviewed by the board. After discussion, there was a motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston, to approve the bid from Scott Construction for Cold Mix reconditioning for Alma Center Rd and double chip seal (including a geogrid base) for Burton Rd, totaling \$147,091.00. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the special meeting on December 29, 2023. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried. Minutes were read from the January 11, 2024 regular town board meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. Fund Balances were reviewed and cash/uncashed checks report from prior month was provided. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Clerk provided Budget Versus Actual and Detailed Transaction Reports for review.

Clerks Correspondence:

- Clerk informed Board of a letter received from the Alma Center Fire District regarding the payment of fire dues for the 2% share payable by the Town.
- Clerk confirmed attendance plans of the Board for WTA Training on March 2nd, 2024 for registration purposes.
- Clerk inquired of any price changes for the cost to residents of the Town with regards to driveway salt/sand work.
- Chairman Ronnie Casper shared that there was correspondence from the Black River Fire Department and Ambulance Service seeking funding to assist in covering increasing costs.

No public comment.

Patrolman's Report

- Patrolman discussed the repair of a hydraulic leak on the brush mower with the assistance of Richard Larson.
- Patrolman stated that he took the truck to La Crosse for repair.
- Patrolman and Board discussed potential roof repair and concerns with how that would be accomplished, and who would do the work.

Old Business:

- c) Emergency Management plan was discussed.
- d) Supervisor II Tim Johnston updated the Board on current fire and EMS issues.
- e) Deputy Clerk Cherry Koch-Danke discussed software options for the Town.

New Business:

- a) Addressed earlier.
- b) Board reviewed correspondence from WTA regarding a 6'-20' Structure inventory requirement from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Board discussed options for Garden Valley. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to opt to have the Town's inventory done by the Jackson County Highway Department. Motion carried.
- c) Addressed earlier.
- d) Discussed under Clerk's Correspondence.

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set: Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk