

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Casper.

Proper public posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the February 8, 2024 regular town board meeting. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston 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 received a letter for Chairman Casper regarding road work/equipment prices.
- Clerk informed Board of recent address corrections by the County with a need for new fire number signage.
- Treasurer reported on an informational meeting with SFB regarding services available, if needed.
- Clerk shared that the County had sent the interim bridge inspection report on the bridge on Fees Road.

No public comment.

Patrolman's Report

- Patrolman is now moving back to summer mode from winter maintenance.
- Patrolman states that the hose leak in the truck has been fixed.
- Patrolman completed the roof repair on the Town Hall roof.
- Patrolman stated that there will be an inspection of the salt sand stockpile. Also, that there would be an upcoming inspection of our fuel tank by the Chippewa Valley Fire District. Both inspections are usual and expected.

Old Business:

- a) Cherry Koch-Danke updated the Board on the recent Comprehensive Plan activity.
- b) Cherry Koch-Danke also updated the Board on the Redman Accounting potential for improving current Quickbooks software setup. Most likely, this will take place in 2025, which suits our situation at the Town well.
- c) Chairman Casper updated the Board on recent WTA training, including;
 - a. ARIP Funding and how it does not fit well with Town level business,
 - b. 6' to Under 20' Structures and the process breakdown,
 - c. Shared revenue specifics and increased reporting
 - d. Board of Review training was completed for both Chairman Casper and Supervisor II Johnston.

New Business:

- a) Chairman Casper spoke of recent activity notification of high voltage power line routes following current corridors and how that intersects with Garden Valley.
- b) Chairman Casper spoke on the agreement with the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) and discussed an agreement which would need signing to proceed with the work for the Comprehensive Plan updates. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to sign the agreement and move forward. Motion carried.
- c) Board discussed additional road work options, to be prepared to do additional work if the budget allows. Olson Road was reviewed with regards to the type of finish options suitable. Chairman Casper also spoke with a Ho-Chunk Nation representative regarding any available Ho-Chunk funding on Town of Garden Valley roads. There will be further review of potential locations within the Town.
- d) Road weight limits were discussed and the decision to leave it as is was determined to be the best for the Town.
- e) Board discussed Open Book, training and setting dates.
- f) The Annual Meeting date (set in 2023) is Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow.
- g) Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, regarding Town Patrolman Compensation. All ayes and the motion carried.
Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to reconvene in open session. All ayes and motion carried.
Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve Patrolman compensation as discussed. All ayes and motion carried.

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set:

Regular Town Board Meeting follows the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk