

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Friday, October 11, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 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 September 13, 2024 regular Town Board meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Public Comment was addressed early to accommodate Drew Semingson. As the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan Superintendent, Mr. Semingson informed the Board about the upcoming election and referendum questions that will be on the ballot, detailing important operational and facility needs of the school district.

The Treasurer's report was given. Fund Balances were reviewed and cash/uncashed check report from prior month was provided for review. 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 shared:

- No new correspondence was received.
- Chairman Casper informed the Board about a new contract received from the Black River Falls EMS with corrections.

Public Comment

- Addressed above.

Patrolman's Report

- Discussed additional fire number requests.
- State maintenance work within the Town.
- Discussed storm cleanup and preparation for winter.

Old Business:

- a) Board discussed details of the final budget totals and reviewed changes. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve final budget totals and post the Summary for the Budget Public Hearing meeting.
- b) Supervisor II Johnston spoke about EMS issues and recent discussions with local providers.
- c) Election worker wages were discussed. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Chairman Casper to increase election worker, recycling worker and custodial wages to \$15.00/hour. Motion carried
- d) No other new business.

New Business:

- a) Board discussed setting the date for Caucus in January. Decision to set the date to the State preferred date of January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- b) Discussed options to move money from checking into a money market investment. Treasurer, Betty Janke, will check into options for an investment and move forward on that investment for the Town.
- c) Discussion of moving forward with the donated filing cabinets and look into getting locks installed for secure storage.
- d) Website updates were discussed and the Board considered options of website details and the maintenance involved.

Richard Larson was excused from the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

- e) Supervisor II Tim Johnston discussed the recent Fire District meeting.
- f) Deputy Clerk Cherry Koch-Danke informed the Board that the old election laptop purchased from Heartland Business Services should be decommissioned due to inactivity, noting that it after discussion with the company, it was not used as the state originally intended. It was monitored but not used to access MyVote. This would enable the Town to save the money spent in annual renewal. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Ronnie Casper to discontinue service with Heartland Business Services on the inactive laptop. Motion carried.
- g) No other new business discussed.

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next regular meeting is set:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Johnston, second by Ronnie Casper. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk