

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Friday, August 11, 2023 2:00 p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 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.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Proper public posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the July 14, 2023 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 received notification of 2022 August Tax Roll Settlement.
- Clerk informed Board of letter received from ProVision regarding propane prices.
- Clerk read statistics about Garden Valley received from the Wisconsin Department of Administration after the 2023 census results.
- Clerk mentioned WTA sponsored workshops upcoming in September.
- Clerk informed the Board of notification of Xcel Energy meter change to a new Smart Electric Meter.
- Clerk inquired about completion of Land Information/Trout Unlimited survey.

Public Comment:

- Pete Kolve spoke about dust control needs. Discussion continues under Old Business.
- Deane Chase spoke about specific highway location concerns and asked that the Patrolman investigate the areas.

Patrolman's Report

- Patrolman presented a tire quote for review by the Board.
- Patrolman deferred information on a culvert to Old Business.
- Discussion about the hauling of dirt/fill from Kolve, and inquired about the potential of continuing to haul additional fill for other areas.
- Patrolman inquired about signage and mentioned that the Town may want to utilize the services of Badger State Industries in the future.
- Discussion on rubber blade status.

Old Business:

- a) Board discussed dust control processes, concerns with application and the cost of the process. Product and application were discussed. Discussed options, including considering an option of chip sealing areas of concern. Costs will be discussed with a vendor and further discussion will need to be covered.
- b) Board discussed the Culvert on Burton Rd. Clerk had information from the County Highway office regarding culvert aid, and Patrolman will look into contractors.

- c) Chairman Casper shared a letter to the Town with regard to Cemetery care within the Town and seeking any volunteer efforts, suggestions for improvement or repairs that may need to be done.

New Business:

- a) Board discussed the current recycling program and the future of the program. Currently looking for a way to improve the communication of how to effectively recycle within our Town.
- b) Supervisor II Johnston spoke on Fire Board updates.
- c) Board discussed the potential for a Road Bid Survey by email.
- d) Future road bids were discussed. The board discussed planning for extended roadwork and how that may be funded. Discussed options.
- e) Board discussed to current levy limits and working on a levy limit worksheet with Clerk.
- f) The Board discussed timelines of the budget process. Board is considering a special meeting to plan roadwork and develop cost estimates.
- g) Board discussed the limits of our current internet service. Motion by Larson, second by Johnston to switch to Starlink. Motion carried. Clerk will work on signing up.

Review of Bills and Payments

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on September 8, 2:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk