

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting

Friday, November 10, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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.

Minutes were read from the October 13, 2023 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. Discussion about the share certificate maturing on November 23, 2023. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to roll the share certificate into a 13 month special certificate, APY 5.35% and 5.25% Dividend Rate. Motion carried. 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 Thank You card received from Scott Construction, including a survey.
- Clerk informed Board of a donation for the Curtis Cemetery.
- Clerk shared a letter from the County Treasurer regarding a mandatory Tax Collection software in 2025 and corresponding budget information for 2025 budget planning.
- Clerk informed Board of a notification from Wisconsin Elections Commission about safe handling of mail at the municipal level.
- Clerk shared concern over the status of internet and the upcoming software transition and that computer status will need to be evaluated once internet service is improved.

Public Comment:

- Jacob Prindle was present to discuss a potential land transfer and was deferred to New Business.
- Patrick Smith was present to receive detail on the borrowing of funds for road work and was also deferred to New Business for the 2024 Road Plan.

Patrolman's Report

- Patrolman was excused from attendance.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a) Jacob Prindle discussed a former land transfer of a very small section of his property to the Town of Garden Valley several years ago. Through prior discussion, the board had agreed that he should initiate the process of a Quit Claim Deed, which he has done. Discussion followed with potential cost share of this process with the Town, and no action was taken at this time.
- b) Board reviewed quotes for salt sand purchase. Discussion followed on location and costs. Board expressed that it would wait for the cost at the County, which had not been set, prior to the decision on where to purchase.

- c) Board discussed the need for welding on one of the town trucks, and after looking at the problems, Stacy Casper has offered to do the welding for the Town as a donation.
- d) Board discussed the salt spreader needs a new spiral, and there is a problem removing the old one. There is a potential that there will not only be a cost of a new spiral, but there may also be labor involved.
- e) Chairman Casper recommended that Dave Hudson be a backup for winter plowing for times when Arnold needs additional assistance with storms.
- f) Discussion on the 2024 road work plan including an explanation and conversation with Patrick Smith with regards to the borrowing that is a part of the 2024-2026 budget process. Board discussed the plan for starting the bid process early in 2024 to see exactly how much will remain for additional project decision-making.
- g) The one ton truck is in need of an alignment, which Arnold has scheduled.

Review of Bills and Payments

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set: Regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk