

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024
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 December 12, 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. Treasurer and Chairman Casper met with Co-op Credit Union regarding the loan for road repair and the rate was updated, reducing to 5.99%. This may reduce the levy on future budgets, which will be considered in the next budget cycle. 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 correspondence from the Zoning, Planning and POWTS Department in Jackson County with regards to the Holding Tank Maintenance Program. Discussion on established notification to the County office when the tank is ready for service.
- Clerk discussed providing W-9 and exemption documentation for the Town.
- Clerk shared an email correspondence from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding a Boundary and Annexation Survey and the board discussed responding that there has been no change.

Public Comment:

Terry Johnston spoke about brush cutting along the right-of-way, with concern about the schedule and future cutting. Board and Patrolman discussed the process and current practice. Mr. Johnston asked that he be allowed to cut the brush that is in need of trimming in the future, under consult of the Town with consideration of their need for right-of-way maintenance.

Patrolman's Report

- Patrolman discussed the repair to the sander, which went well with the assistance of Richard Larson.
- Salt/sand was discussed. Product from the County was discussed with the quality not being the same as prior years. Grit/grip of the material does not seem to be as high with the current product. Information will be relayed to the County for informational purposes.
- Patrolman and board discussed the hiring of a backup operator including pay rates. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to proceed with an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.
- Blade use and types were discussed.

Old Business:

- a) Board discussed the Quit Claim Deed with Jacob Prindle. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve the request to share in the payment of the Quit Claim Deed cost. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a) Board discussed Emergency Management Plan update. The previous plan will need to be reviewed and updated
- b) Board reviewed an Ordinance for Establishing Split Shifts for Election Officials. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve the ordinance and proceed with a roll call vote. Voice vote; 3 Yes votes and 0 No votes were recorded. Motion carried.
- c) Chairman Casper presented the Road Bid Notice for review prior to posting an advertisement in the paper for two weeks, as required.
- d) Board discussed planning further work with the borrowed funds, in the event that there are remaining funds after bids are received.
- e) Board discussed attending the WTA 2024 District Meeting on March 2nd, 2024 at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire.

Review of Bills and Payments

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set: Regular Town Board Meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk