

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting – Friday, 6-9-2023 3:00. p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor I Richard Larson, Treasurer Betty Janke and Deputy Clerk Cherry Koch-Danke were present. Supervisor II Tim Johnston and Clerk Ann Klieforth were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Proper Public Posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the May 12 regular Town Board Meeting. One correction – New Business, Item 1, sentence 3. Change public ordinance to public **hearing**. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Ronnie Casper to approve with one correction. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. Fund Balances were reviewed and cash/uncashed checks report from prior month was provided. Richard Larson made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Ronnie Casper seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk provided Budget Versus Actual and Detailed Transaction Reports for review. Motion by Richard Larson, Second by Ronnie Casper to cover additional expense in legal fees with cash reserve. Motion carried.

Clerks Correspondence:

Reviewed information from County Zoning regarding letter to Bunderson on Jahn Road to get accumulation of garbage, refuse, litter waste and salvage materials on property cleaned up.

Reviewed letter from County Clerk regarding county continuing to provide Relier Services for WisVote date entry. Town desires to continue as a Relier at this time. Ronnie Casper signed agreement.

Public Comment:

Katie Nortman was present and wished to comment on Burton road. Ronnie advised it is on the agenda and she could wait to comment then. She agree to do so.

Patrolman's Report

Discussion regarding using rubber coated plow blades versus steel or carbide. Arnold will obtain additional information for discussion and decisions at future meeting.

Asphalt patching has paused due to supplier equipment break down - will resume as soon as possible.

Mowing operations will begin in about 1 to 1.5 weeks.

Old Business:

1. Board of Review – there has been no word on assessment rolls so the meeting on June 23 will be immediately adjourned to another future date. When info is received regarding open book it will be scheduled along with a new date for Board of Review.

2. Ronnie provided updated information on a company (assumed to be Green Light Metals) with copper mining interests now being explored in the Town of Cleveland similar to what has been going on in the Town of Garden Valley. A Town of Cleveland resident is attempting to gather grass roots support to oppose this threat as they did in the late 1990's on the same land areas.
3. Cemetery Committee – Ronnie spoke regarding reactivating the Cemetery Committee. Susan McPherson has asked to be added to the committee. Randy McPherson has indicated he and Susan wish to donate additional money to enhance and upgrade the three existing cemeteries in the Town of Garden Valley. Committee might also take a look about taking care of Diphtheria and Small Pox Cemeteries which has been done by 4-H Clubs in the past, but is currently being done hit or miss by citizen volunteers. Ronnie suggested the town reach out to land owners via a post card about perhaps getting involved with donations or volunteer work aimed at taking care of all cemeteries.

New Business:

1. Road Bid specifications were explained by Chairman Casper and road bids from Scott Construction were opened. No other bids were received. After discussion motion by Richard Larson and seconded by Ronnie Casper to accept the bids for chip sealing on Alma Center Road and cold mix asphalt on Pole Grove Road from Scott Construction. Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Richard Larson and seconded by Ronnie Casper to do as much prep work as possible on Burton Road, to include a replacement culver, plastic grid and gravel this year in anticipation of chip sealing in 2024. Motion carried. Arnold will work with Clerk to obtain info on cost sharing from Jackson County for culvert replacement and source for concrete and/or arch steel culverts.
3. Motion by Richard Larson, seconded by Ronnie Casper to accept offer from Randall Realty/Randy McPherson to pay for double chip sealing by Scott Construction for a portion of N Johnson Road. Motion Carried. Agreement signed between Randall Realty and Town of Garden Valley and Proposal from Scott Construction accepted.
4. Discussion regarding dust control on gravel roads. Will research for additional information about granular products with expectation that town patrolman could do application.
5. SFB Bank Agreement to ensure all deposits in excess of 250,000 are guaranteed was presented for review by Treasurer Betty Janke. Motion by Richard Larson, Seconded by Ronnie Casper that treasurer should sign the agreement with the bank.
6. Deputy Clerk presented renewal application for liquor license for Garden Valley Gatherings, Owner/Agent, Kristin Pfaff. Motion by Richard Larson, seconded by Ronnie Casper to approve issuance of license. Motion carried. Clerk will issue license for new period.
7. Explanation from Chairman Casper regarding anticipated placement of information signs about the new ATV/UTV Ordinance allowing these vehicles on all town roads. Signs will be placed on regular thoroughfares within the town, but not on State Highways. Town does not have any authorization to post on state roads.

Review of Bills and Payments

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on July 14th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Larson, seconded by Ronnie Casper. Motion carried. 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cherry Koch-Danke - Deputy Clerk