

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting – Friday, 2-10-2023 9:45 a.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Casper, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Clerk/Treasurer Betty Janke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cherry Koch-Danke were present. Supervisor I Richard Larson was absent.

Proper Public Posting was verified.

Tim made a motion to accept the January secretary's report. Ronnie seconded. Motion carried.

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

Deputy Clerk provided Budget Versus Actual and Detailed Transaction Reports for review.

Clerks Correspondence:

Distributed an announcement from the DNR regarding additional land going into Managed Forest Land. Ronnie provided a brief explanation for citizens in attendance about how that adversely affects the tax rolls for the town.

Credit applications for Debauch and Productivity Plus are ready for signature.

Board received a Thank You from the family of Ruth Jacobson for the floral arrangement sent for her funeral. Ruth was the Town Treasurer for many years.

Public Comment:

None

Patrolman's Report

Arnold presented some info on costs for putting chains on the front of the plow truck. Will research some more and probably wait until later to purchase for next plowing season.

Old Business:

1. Dea Jacobson has been hired to do town hall cleaning. The current vacuum is not adequate. Tim Johnston will find a suitable replacement.
2. Ronnie reported there were three initial candidates who expressed interest. The deputy clerk met with each of them to provide a detailed job description and answer questions. Two submitted Letters of Interest. One subsequently withdrew her letter of interest. The board interviewed Ann Klieforth.
3. The board met on 2-8-2023. Motion by Richard, seconded by Tim, to appoint Ann Klieforth as Town Clerk for a term of three years, at a rate of \$1000 per month, and an official start date of May 1, 2023. Motion carried
4. Ronnie reported the current government plan for the Patrolman's cell phone will be continued

and he was able to get a new phone for Arnold at no cost. The second unused phone was cancelled.

5. Ronnie advised the board has reconsidered the previous decision not to renew the membership in Town Advocacy Council (TAC). This is the lobbying arm of WTA and after learning more it was decided to pay the dues.
6. Ronnie presented information about the time of meeting dates in 2022 – over ½ of all meetings were in the evening and on different days of the week.

New Business:

1. The fuel tank on the 2016 Freightliner truck came off. Arnold was able to weld a repair but there is an issue with the engine and it cannot be driven. Discussion on how to proceed. Motion by Tim, seconded by Ronnie for Arnold to research and implement the best way to get it to dealer in Eau Claire for repairs.
2. Tim Johnston attended his first Fire Board meeting with Vince Ruzic and reported on discussions at the last meeting about Funding and Location for purchasing a new truck and building a new fire station. Next meeting February 27th.
3. Motion by Tim, seconded by Ronnie to reschedule the Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 18th at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.
4. Deputy Clerk explained the process for Open Book and Board of Review. At least one board member must be trained for Board of Review annually. Tim and Ronnie plan to take the BOR Training when it becomes available in March.
5. Discussion on collecting information about who has town keys for what, creating a control list and managing the issuance and retrieval of keys. Ronnie & Arnold will work on it.
6. Congressman Tom Tiffany will hold a listening session on Wednesday, February 15th. Two board members are planning on opening the hall for his staff and attending the session. Possible Quorum notification has been posted.

Review of Bills and Payments:

Bills were approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on March 10th, 2023 at 9:45 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Ronnie. Motion carried. 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Koch-Danke
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:

Betty Janke, Clerk/Treasurer

Date _____