

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting – Friday, 3-10-2023 9:45 a.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 a.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor Richard Larson, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Clerk/Treasurer Betty Janke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cherry Koch-Danke were present.

Proper Public Posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the February 7th Special Meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the February 8th Special Meeting. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the February 10th regular Town Board Meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the February 26th Special Meeting. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve. Motion carried.

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

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

Clerks Correspondence:

Deputy Clerk advised she had contacted the Jackson County Highway Department regarding reimbursement for the bridge repair submitted in 2022. Highway Commissioner said he would check into it. The check was subsequently received and has been deposited.

Deputy Clerk presented a letter of support for BRF Public Safety application for a Federal Grant for Chairman Casper to sign.

Public Comment:

Lori Casper spoke in continued opposition to any kind of mining in the Town of Garden Valley.

Terry Johnston spoke in opposition to any kind of mining in the Town of Garden Valley. Stated copper mining is nasty.

Jeanie Johnston spoke in opposition to any kind of mining in the Town of Garden Valley. She expressed gratitude and credit to the previous board for their efforts to keep out mining.

Tony Dryak spoke in opposition to any kind of below the ground resource extraction in the Town of Garden Valley.

Patrolman's Report

Patrolman was plowing so there was no report

Old Business:

1. The Freightliner truck displayed a stop engine code and needed to be towed to Eau Claire for diagnostics and repair. Towing was covered by insurance. Repairs approximately \$1700.00
2. Stacy Casper welded several broken welds on the older International Plow Truck at no charge.
3. Ronnie reported on the status of the amended Comprehensive Plan and his meeting with Zoning Administrator John Hemp.

New Business:

1. Chairman Casper reviewed the official posting locations for Town Board notices. They are the Town Hall, the display board at the Town Shop and SFB Bank in Alma Center. The towns website is not an official posting location. The newspaper will be used if required by law.
2. Tim Johnston presented information from the Fire Board about the new pumper truck that will be ordered and plans for identifying a location for a new building for the truck and other associated equipment. Their next meeting is March 28th.
3. Ronnie reported on meeting with personnel from the Town of Irving about their road maintenance program and strategies they use to obtain funds to improve their roads.
4. Ronnie reported there was another warning light on the International Truck, but it has gone off again. It cannot be diagnosed when the light is off so we will wait until the status is further clarified.
5. Tim and Ronnie attended the WTA District Meeting in Black River Falls. They learned of efforts to get state funds down to the town level in shared revenue, borrowing options and spoke with representative regarding town issues.
6. Black River Falls Fire & EMS Federal Funding covered in clerks correspondence.
7. Cherry Koch-Danke was added to the list of Election Officials for the Spring 2023 Election. Recommended by Chairman Casper, Motion by Richard Larson, seconded by Tim Johnston to add Cherry Koch-Danke to the list off Election Officials for 2023 Spring Election. Motion carried.
8. A brief update on history of the Fire District was provided in response to a question from a citizen.

Review of Bills and Payments:

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on April 18th, 2023 immediately following the Annual Meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard, seconded by Tim. Motion carried. 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Koch-Danke
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:

Betty Janke, Clerk/Treasurer

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