

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting – Friday, 4-18-2023 following Annual Meeting.  
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Clerk/Treasurer Betty Janke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cherry Koch-Danke were present. Supervisor Richard Larson was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was completed during Annual Meeting.

Proper Public Posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the March 10<sup>th</sup> regular Town Board Meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Ronnie Casper with one correction-date of next meeting should be April 18<sup>th</sup>, to approve. 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. Motion carried.

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

#### **Clerks Correspondence:**

none

#### **Public Comment:**

-Karl Lehrke commended the town patrolman, Arnold Rehberg. Karl is a mail carrier and stated the Town of Garden Valley Roads are better maintained than any of the roads he drives on in Eau Claire County, Clark County, or other towns in Jackson County.

-Stacy Casper asked the board to consider approving ATV traffic on the town roads. The county and surrounding towns have all approved ATV traffic on their roads.

-Tony Dryak wanted to comment on road maintenance and ask to hold his comments until the board took up that line on the agenda.

#### **Patrolman's Report**

Arnold thanked Tim and Ronnie for their help after the historic snowfall on Sunday/Monday April 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Many areas of the town received 20" to 22" of heavy wet snow.

Arnold had started some blacktop patching but had to pause because of the cold weather.

Alma Center Road is getting very beat up and needs repairs. Arnold has closed a section until the weather improves.

International truck has not displayed any warning codes again.

Arnold received a complaint from a citizen about very large Laufenberg Tractor nearly forcing him off Moore Road.

**Old Business:**

1. Ronnie provided updated information on a company with copper mining interests in the Town of Garden Valley. The town has retained Tim Jacobson with Fitzpatrick, Skemp, Butler LLC to aid in defending the towns Comprehensive Plan and Amendments.
2. Ronnie provided updated information on the Counties plan to update the County Comprehensive Plan and the need for the town to update the towns comprehensive plan when the new information regarding census, home, traffic & business, etc. becomes available from the county. That way the town can capitalize on updated data without having to pay for it again.

**New Business:**

1. Chairman Casper reviewed the 5 Year Road Plan and spoke about the boards intent to update the plan and seek additional revenue for road maintenance.
2. Xcel Energy asked if the Town of Garden Valley has a Utility Right Of Way Permit process. None at this time. They will be advised. Board will work on creating a Right of Way Permit and Ordinance.
3. Bridge Report contracted for by Jackson County Highway Dept and performed by Corre Engineering was reviewed. Ronnie, Arnold, and new clerk, Ann will review to determine next course of action.
4. WTA has asked towns to provide any details they might have regarding <20 ft bridges or culverts that are in need of repair to aid them in their lobbying efforts for more funding for the towns.
5. Appliance Round Up for Jackson County is this next Saturday. Municipalities must bring in their items on Friday, April 21. Arnold has collected three items to take in. Payment is required when he takes them to Black River Falls. Motion by Tim, seconded by Ronnie, for Deputy Clerk to issue a check for \$30.00 for Arnold to take in to get the items recycled. Motion carried

**Review of Bills and Payments:**

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on May12th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Ronnie. Motion carried. 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Koch-Danke  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Attest:

Betty Janke, Clerk/Treasurer

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