

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting

Friday, May 12, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor I Richard Larson, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Clerk Ann Klieforth and Treasurer Betty Janke were present.

Proper Public Posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve. Motion carried.

Minutes were read from the April 18, 2023 regular Town Board Meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. 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 report. Motion carried.

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

Clerks Correspondence:

Clerk advised that the Rural Insurance invoice has been received and was seeking confirmation of continuation of coverage. Discussion by the Board would confirm that it was positive for the Town, and it should be continued.

Public Comment:

None

Patrolman's Report

Arnold reported:

- About taking used tires to the Tire Roundup on May 20, 2023. Decision to hold currently and revisit in the fall.
- He will pick up patch material where it would be most advantageous for the Town in relation to cost.
- Storm damage cleanup in the right-of-ways is mostly complete with some residual cleanup that will need to be done.
- Most of the gravel roads have been graded. Potholes are filled to the best of his knowledge.
- Check engine lights are again on in both trucks, but does not seem to be affecting or hindering the operation of the trucks.

Chairman Casper inquired about using rubber coated carbide blades for winter operations. Discussion about blades resulted in the need for follow-up on the different types and length of use.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Casper updated the Board on roadwork for 2023. A request for sealed bids has been placed in the paper beginning next week for a two (2) week duration.
2. Chairman Casper reported that with further research on Right-of-Way permitting, it does not prove to be a benefit for the Town to pursue. Towns are required by State Statute to only charge actual costs for the work done in relation to the permitting, not a flat fee per permit. It would not be cost effective for Garden Valley at this time.
3. Tim Johnston informed the Board of the status of the inventoried culverts for the Trout's Unlimited request and also that he had passed the information on to Gaylord Olson, County Conservationist. He advised Tim that when the next step in the process is ready, he would contact the Town.

4. Tim Johnston also updated the Board on the Fire District, who is in the process of reviewing properties for a new building. They are reviewing properties and there is a possibility of five (5) donated acres for their project.

New Business:

1. There has been a request for the Town of Garden Valley to designate all town roads as ATV/UTV routes. Chairman Casper discussed the proposal and the research that he had done on the topic and noted that it can be set up without a public hearing by action of the Town Board. The Board discussed aspects of opening to ATV/UTV traffic. Chairman Casper had also created an ordinance based on other towns, reworded to fit Garden Valley and presented it for review with the Board. The Osseo ATV club has also offered to pay for four (4) signs to be posted, with locations to be determined. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to adopt the Town of Garden Valley Ordinance No. 1-2023, opening Town roads to ATV/UTV traffic routes. Motion carried.
2. The board discussed the Zoning Request for David Hudson, for the re-zoning of his property for the purpose of building a single family home. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to support the request for re-zoning. Motion carried.
3. Discussion about Open Book and the ensuing Board of Review. Currently the Town is waiting for the Assessor to contact us about setting the date for Open Book, which will then determine when our Board of Review will be held.
4. Board discussed ARPA funding and defining a project to designate the Town's ARPA funds to. Chairman Casper noted that because the broadband situation is already active for parts of the town, and due to the fact that there is no other broadband funding opportunities, it would be most advantageous for the Town to designate the funding towards the 2023 road projects. This would ensure that the Town will not fall short of identifying where we will allocate this funding, and not hinder the process. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to use the ARPA funding for the 2023 road projects. Motion carried.

Review of Bills and Payments:

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next meeting is set - Regular Town Board Meeting on June 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Larson, seconded by Tim Johnston. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth
Clerk