

Friday, Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting – 11-11-2022 – 10:41 a.m.  
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:41 p.m. by Chairman Ruzic. Chairman Ruzic, Supervisor 1, Richard Larson, Supervisor II, Ronnie Casper, Clerk/Treasurer, Betty Janke and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Cherry Koch-Danke were present. Public Postings confirmed and verified.

Ronnie Casper made a motion to accept the October secretary's report. Richard Larson seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. CD reaching maturity will be reinvested for 6 months. Richard Larson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Ronnie Casper seconded. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

Tim Johnston asked about why Sheriff was invited to come to a board meeting. It was explained that a donation was requested for Crime Stoppers and the supervisors would like to hear more about that program.

### **Patrolman's Report**

Arnold reported the new tires have been installed on the backup plow truck. Two rims were bent and were replaced with used rims.

Additional discussion on using higher salt concentrate sand from Opelt versus lower concentrate from individual, Trevor Topperhiem, who bought out Boon. Decided since Opelt sand could not be stored over summer due to the higher concentration Arnold will order sand from T. Topperheim.

Brief discussion on backup plow drivers if there is a major snow event, and how they are covered by insurance. Betty will contact Rural Insurance to find out if more needs to be done to make sure who ever is driving is covered.

Tony Dryak had contacted Ronnie about the pot holes on Alma Center Road. Arnold will grade when he can, but it does no good if the road is too dry.

### **Old Business:**

1. County Zoning sent a letter to the landowners on Giese Road for whom the board had received a complaint regarding trash and garbage in their yard and advised them they were not allowed to be living at that location as it is not zoned for residential and has no approved septic or water.
2. Betty advised three payments totaling \$21,000 have been received from Heller Farms Inc for reimbursement on the North Pole Grove Road repair. That leaves a balance of \$7000, and they seem to be on schedule to get this paid off before the end of the year.
3. One change will be made to the Preliminary Budget. Clerks Wages & Expenses Line will be increased by \$6000.00 and it will be taken from Cash On Hand.
4. Cherry advised she had checked into where the Right of Way Permit form used by the Town of Albion came from. Their Clerk indicated it was the same as was used by the County, with changes made to personalize it for the Town of Albion. Since its used by the County and Albion we will not pay to have it reviewed by an attorney. Cherry will see if she can obtain a copy from the county in an editable form and redo it for the Town of Garden Valley with a fee of \$250.00.
5. Ronnie is working on finding a contact at Bug Tussle to learn more about where they are

planning to put in fiber and/or towers in Town of Garden Valley and see if he can get someone to come to a Town Board Meeting. LTD lost their Federal Contract but will most likely put another proposal together to try to get reapproved.

6. Town has until 2024 to spend ARPA Funds.
7. Ronnie is also working with the Zoning Department on getting the amendments made to the Town of Garden Valley Comprehensive Plan recognized in the County Comprehensive Plan. They are currently just starting on the 10 Year required update of the plan and are enthusiastic about working with the town in this endeavor.
8. Richard had asked the deputy clerk to check on the price of a dumpster from Tri City Sanitation to see if it would be cheaper than Waste Management. Since Tri City does not have an option to pick up only as needed the cost would actually be higher to change.
9. Ronnie reported the shed at the West Garden Valley Cemetery has been painted.

#### **New Business:**

1. Jacki Huber resigned her position of cleaning the Town Hall. Discussion on replacement. Betty will contact Jill Giese to see if she might be interested. Discussion about how often the hall needs to be cleaned. Decided on quarterly making sure it is cleaned after 4-H meetings and before elections or special events.
2. Final Budget Hearing will be Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. followed by Special Meeting to approve the mill rate and adopt the levy.

#### **Secretary's correspondence:**

Correspondence was reviewed.

Deputy Clerk will contact Castle Hill regarding Dutch Treat Christmas get together for board members, patrolman and recycling center personnel. Preferred date is December 4<sup>th</sup>, with backup date of December 11.

#### **Review of Bills and Payments:**

Bills were approved.

Next meeting is set: Final Public Budget Hearing on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting to Approve, and Meeting to Adopt Levy to follow.

Motion by Richard Larson, seconded by Ronnie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherry Koch-Danke, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer