

Town of Almena

Minutes – Monthly Meeting January 13, 2020

- 1-The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 7:01 pm. Board members in attendance were Ken Scheps, Harland Becker, Ed Miller, Hoyt Rose, and Lois Hoff.
- 2-The Clerk states when and where the Notice and Agenda for the meeting was posted.
- 3-The monthly meeting minutes for December 9, 2019 were read by Clerk Lois Hoff. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve minutes as read and 2nd by Supervisor Ed Miller. Motion carried.
- 4-The Treasurer report for December 2019 was given by Treasurer Hoyt Rose. Chair Ken Scheps makes a motion to approve Treasurer's report as given, Supervisor Ed Miller 2^{nds} the motion. Motion Carried. Board goes over the Budget and Working.
- 5-No Public Input.
- 6-Martha and Jerry Hartung for HB Lakside Propeties present requesting a Variance and Special Exception for a short term rental of cabin at 1430 3 ½ Street. Per the Hartungs, the plan is to use it themselves and as a rental 50/50, not renting to anyone under 25 years of age, 3 bedrooms, can accommodate 6 to 8 people, and there is plenty of parking. Board questions whether they have informed their neighbors yet? Have not, were told by the County that the County would send a letter once the Town ok'ed the Variance. Board would like the County to change that & have the neighbors informed before applying to Town for Variance. Board discusses. Supervisor Harland Becker makes a motion to approve the Variance and Special Exception for a short term rental of cabin at 1430 3 ½ Street. Supervisor Ed Miller 2^{nds} the motion. All in Favor – Motion Carried. Chair Ken Scheps signs the Variance And Special Exception in favor for a short term rental of cabin located at 1430 3 ½ Str, property tax ID 202-2200-12-11.
- 7-Steve Hanson present and returns from the January's meeting with his request for Steve Hanson/Hanson Management to construct and operate a storage rental yard for the storage of household goods in storage container formerly employed as sea-going containers on parcels known as 24 thru 28 at 17 ½ Avenue, Turtle Lake, WI. Board goes over information and discusses. Chair Ken Scheps makes a motion to rezone property at 24 – 28 17 ¼ Ave, Turtle Lake, property tax ID 002-0600-10-000, approximately 4 (four) acres out of 17.3 from RR to Ag 2 as shown in diagram with 3 (three) houses. Supervisor Harland Becker 2^{nds} the motion. All in favor – motion approved. Chair Ken Scheps signs the Rezoning Township Consideration Form and checks box Not Opposing.
- 8-Board goes over closed session e-mail from WI Town's Association. Board decides the language that the Board may or may need to go into closed session should be put on all future agendas.
- 9-Board goes over General Transportation Aid quarterly handout.
- 10-FEMA update: Board goes over and discusses the Bull Dozin, Inc bill and the e-mail from Village of Turtle Lake Administrator. Board discusses and reconsiders and makes the decision with all in agreement that the Town of Almena will pay the full Bull Dozin, Inc bill. Chair Ken Scheps directs the Clerk to pay the balance of \$2400.00 to Bull Dozin, Inc. Board goes over clerk's letter to FEMA re Noncompetitive Procurement Justification. All in agreement that it is ok. Chair Ken Scheps signs the letter.
- 11-Prochow Assessing has set dates for Open Book, Monday, April 6, 2020 from 8 to 10 am and Board of Review for Monday, April 27, 2020 from 8 to 10 am. Board is in agreement that the two dates will work. Town's Annual Meeting is already set for Saturday, April 25th at 8 am.
- 12-Board reviews e-mail from Legislative Technology Service Bureau GIS regarding Local Redistricting Training & Survey. Board decision is that no action is needed.
- 13-Supervisor Harland Becker and Clerk Lois Hoff to attend the WTA 2020 District Training, Saturday, March 28, 2020 in Cumberland, WI.
- 14-Board decision on capital equipment & road improvement obligations – leave it set as is and when the Town gets the FEMA funds, then will move the money.
- 15-Board reviews and discusses the Barron Cty Hwy outstanding bill and the culvert bill received in Dec. Board directs clerk to pay the culvert bill of \$12,631.86 and note that it was for 2019 work.

16-Board discusses complaints of the conditions of the snowy/icy roads in the Township and why some other Township roads appear to be clearer. Gary Kreckler, shop employee, gives the mix of sand per sand that he puts on our roads, and Townships with clearer roads are putting more salt content in their sand. Clerk asks why don't we put in that amount of salt in the our sand? Answer from the Board is due to no extra money in the budget to purchase the amount of salt needed to have totally clear roads. Some discussion followed on buying ahead at a cheaper price and storing the salt/sand mixture. But the Town doesn't have a building to store it in. Supervisor Harland Becker stopped at Nobel's Tire in Barron regarding the refund due the Town and was informed that it is a credit for the Town – approx \$1400.00

17-Board goes over vouchers & signs vouchers 8863 thru 8893. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve vouchers 8863 thru 8893. Chair Ken Scheps 2nds the motion. Motion carried.

18-Next regular Monthly Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7 pm.

19-Chair Ken Scheps makes the motion to adjourn meeting. Supervisor Harland Becker seconds the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Hoff, Clerk