

Town of Almena

Minutes – Monthly Meeting October 12, 2020

- 1-The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 7:08 pm. Board members in attendance were Chair Ken Scheps, Supervisors Harland Becker & Ed Miller, Treasurer Hoyt Rose, Shop Employee Gary Kreckler, and Clerk Lois Hoff. Surveyor Matt Shilts present.
- 2-The Clerk states when and where the Notice and Agenda for the meeting was posted.
- 3-The monthly meeting minutes for September 14, 2020, were read by Clerk. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve minutes as read and 2nd by Supervisor Ed Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4-The Treasurer report for September 2020 was given by Treasurer Hoyt Rose. Per Chair should start looking for a new truck. Per Supervisor Harland Becker maybe it should be a new mower. Board discusses – would maybe need a new tractor or take the boom off. Per Supervisor Ed Miller recaps for the grader. Per Chair will add that to end of agenda. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given. Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds it. All in favor motion carried. Board goes over Budget & Working Capital. Board has discussion on any repairs, 16 5/8, if Monarch is done & cleaning up dirt. Chair to Gary Kracker – try to get broom from Village & clean up dirt.
- 5-Public Input: Clerk informs Board Per DIR Demographic Services the estimated population as of January 1, 2020 for the Town is 851 with approximately 706 of the population are of voting age. Board discusses email from Mike & Kim Klein stating zoning will not allow them to build a garage. Surveyor Matt Shilts explains the governing factor – issue is zoning compliance.
- 6-Surveyor Matt Shilts present for Jim Oleske requesting subdivision of PIN-002-0700-06-000 into 2 lots. Board discusses – no problem with request. Chair Ken Scheps makes motion to grant the land division of Sec 7 into 2 lots. Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Chair signs the paperwork. Matt Shilts leaves meeting.
- 7-Board discusses fire # signs. Clerk had 2 more calls from residents regarding their damaged signs. Per Gary Kreckler–Town of Arland got their signs for \$14.00 each–double sided. Per Hoyt Rose–Mark Stanley from zoning gave a quote of \$15-\$17 each including shipping. Estimates roughly \$12 to \$14,000 to replace all the signs. Board decides to take up at the Budget Meeting.
- 8-Board discusses letter from Cumberland Healthcare requesting consideration of contribution to the Ambulance Fund. Chair Ken Scheps makes a motion to not contribute. Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 9-Board goes over handout of General Transportation Aid for 2021 – estimate is \$165,301.20.
- 10-Per Clerk – email from Atty Carol Nawrocki – if clerk moves out of Township but the intent is to move back in – clerk does not need to resign but once builds or buys outside the Township must resign. Clerk's intent at this time is to find a home within the Township. Board is fine with that.
- 11-Board discusses Barron Cty Hwy & Monarch bills. Clerk to pay all of the Hwy's bill out of Road Construction. Chair will find out if all of Monarch's work needs to be done for LRIP project before paying or if can pay the portion that is done, due to they may not complete work until next year. Gary Kreckler to get quotes on a new truck.
- 12-Road maintenance and equipment already covered. Per Gary Kreckler – probably a day and half of mowing left to do – by TJ's & Larry Hanson's & then up in brush country. Per Gary grader tires are \$1100.00 for recaps.
- 13-Board resets Budget Planning from Monday, 10/19/20 to Wednesday, 10/21/20 at 7:30am, sets November Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting to 11/16/20 to start immediately following the Public Budget Hearing beginning at 6 pm, followed by the Special Town Meeting of Electors then followed by the Budget Adoption Hearing.
- 14-Board goes over and audits vouchers. Per Supervisor Harland Becker makes a motion to approve voucher #9053 thru #9067 with # 9059 voided. Chair Ken Scheps 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 15-Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Hoff, Clerk