

Town of Almena

Minutes – Monthly Meeting November 16, 2020

1-The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 6:32 pm. Board members in attendance were Chair Ken Scheps, Supervisors Harland Becker & Ed Miller, Treasurer Hoyt Rose, Shop Employee Gary Krecker, and Clerk Lois Hoff. 7:00pm Tim Meyer present.

2-The Clerk states when and where the Notice and Agenda for the meeting was posted.

3-The monthly meeting minutes for October 12, 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 October 2020 was given by Treasurer Hoyt Rose. Discusses Board agenda item #7 at this time – Monarch Paving's bill for the portion of LRIP project they completed – Monarch still needs to do 16 5/8 in the spring of 2021. Per Chair Ken Scheps – talked with Mark and it will be OK to pay current bill in full & when completed with 16 5/8 pay that bill and submit the full bill to the State for the portion of the TRIP reimbursement. Clerk to pay Monarch Paving's current bill of \$42,168.12. Board also discusses Barron County Hwy's current bill

invoice #9115 in the amount of \$887.87. Gary Krecker to find out just what the bill is for. Clerk not to pay at this time. Supervisor Ed makes a motion to approve Treasurer's report as given. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Culverts and shouldering bills still coming from Barron County Hwy. Treasurer Hoyt Rose to move capital equipment and road improvement obligations into savings. October the loan is due in full at Cumberland Federal.

5-Public Input: None.

6-Tim Meyer from Meyer International present and gives the board information on a new 2022 truck – had ordered 2 and has one left. Sets up with Monroe – calls it a Barron County Spec – outfitted at Monroe – could set up first week of February with 5 to 6 weeks lead time to get equipment on. Using all Cummings – 350 engine – 1150 torque - identical to Barron County's – goes over warranty – 3 years Cummings, some parts are 12 months to 5 years – have up to 6 months after purchase to take extended warrant - probably late fall before you would get truck. Chair Ken Scheps asks him to forward the specs to Gary. Per Tim can't guarantee price will be the same if ordering – have had 2 price increases so far since he got this truck – discount is typically 34% for municipalities – County gets the same discount. Price for this truck is \$172,561.00 includes everything and discount-has a stainless steel box. The extended warranty comes out to about 34% discount. Tim to take a look at our Town truck and give a quote for what it is worth. Board discusses plow options on truck – on our Town truck the snow comes over the top of the blade. Per Tim would need to meet with Tom on plow options – and any other option. Tim calls Tom to set up meeting with Board. Board sets special meeting with Tom for Friday, November 20, 2020 at 1pm at the Town Hall. Clerk to post notice. Tim goes leaves with Gary to look at Town's truck. Need to get warranty cost.

7-Monarch Paving LRIP bill covered with Treasurer's report.

8-Road Maintenance. Board agrees that Gary should get 4 new rear tires from Noble's on the grader – Town still has a little credit coming from Noble's. Board discusses a new mower type. Board agrees that they should go look at one sometime in the future.

9-Board sets the next Regular Town Board Meeting for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7 pm. Per Supervisor Harland Becker – John will not do snow plowing any more. Per Treasurer Hoyt Rose maybe Bob Popenhagen will snow plow. Hoyt to have Bob contact Harland. 136 residents have paid so far for snow plowing.

10-Board goes over and audits vouchers. Per Supervisor Harland Becker makes a motion to approve voucher #9068 thru #9085. Chair Ken Scheps 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

15-Supervisor Harland Becker makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Ken Scheps 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Hoff, Clerk