

Town of Almena

Minutes – Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting June 14, 2021

1-The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 6:57 pm. Board members in attendance were Chair Ken Scheps, Supervisors Harland Becker & Ed Miller, Treasurer Hoyt Rose, Shop Employee Gary Krecker, & Clerk Lois Hoff. Also present Steve Stiles, Steve Dryer, Greg Montgomery for Monarch Paving, Mark for Barron County Highway, Scott for Scott's Construction, Brad for Fahrner and Fire Chief Vince Wohlk.

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

3-The monthly meeting minutes for May 10, 2021, were read by Clerk. Chair Ken Scheps corrects minutes to add the word Truck in the minutes for No Thru TRUCK Traffic. Supervisor Harland Becker made motion to approve minutes as corrected and 2nd by Supervisor Ed Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

4-The Treasurer report for May 2021 was given by Treasurer Hoyt Rose. Treasurer corrects amount in savings account to \$1.27, the savings had been moved to pay for the new truck. Treasurer corrects available Town funds to \$141,505.20. Board Discusses. Supervisor Ed Miller made a motion to approve corrected report as given. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Board goes over Expense Budget & Working Capital. Discussion of where the purchase of the new truck should be reflected on the Expense Budget. Clerk to add new line item to Expense Budget Report – Equipment Purchase – 204.1.

5-Public Input: Chair discusses clerk applying for the Coronavirus Local Recovery Funds. Need to file by June 18th. Board discusses – clerk to do application. Treasurer gives update on Facebook page – it is not an official posting. Board discusses and decides not to do Facebook at this time.

6- Steve Stiles present requesting Special Exception for short term rental at 1238 4 ¼ Street. Longest time would be a week, not renting during the winter, have a long driveway for parking. Board confirms no parking on road. Board questions number of occupancies – not stated. Board approves for up to 8 people. Per Steve did talk with all neighbors and they have no problem with rental – have been here for 25 years. Per Chair have rules laid out well, Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve with updates, Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds the motion. Motion carried. Chair signs the form. Clerk makes a copy and gives original back to Steve. Steve leaves meeting.

7—Steve Dryer present requesting Variance for reduced setback to an easement at 8 16 ¼ Ave, Turtle Lake, WI. Board discusses and sees no problem with it. Supervisor Ed Miller makes motion to grant request for variance. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Chair signs the form. Clerk makes a copy and gives the original back to Steve. Steve leaves the meeting.

8-Chair has clerk open the bids for 2021 road work. Board goes over bids for 3rd Street with new pavement, 22', 2 ½" compacted. Barron County and Monarch Paving present & gave bids. Board discusses. Chair makes motion to go with Barron County. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Bid of \$122,564.00.

Board goes over bids for 5 miles of chip seal with bid for per mile. Barron County, Monarch Paving, Scott Construction and Fahrner all present and gave bids. Board discusses. Board will review later in the meeting and Chair will inform all who got the bid.

Board goes over bids for .6 mile of crack fill – 16 ¾ Avenue. Barron County and Fahrner present and gave bids. Board discusses. Supervisor Harland Becker makes a motion to go with Barron County for \$2900.00. Chair Ken Scheps 2nds the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried. Chair brings up 5th Street to Mark from County. Per Supervisor Harland Becker would like to see more fill put on 5th street.

9-Board reviews Town of Almena Emergency Operations Plan – no changes. Board signs.

10-Treasurer gives amounts for fire signs at \$15 -\$17 each and posts another \$12.00 each, the County doesn't sell posts, 3 to 5 weeks for delivery of signs. Per Fire Chief Vince – confirms the Town need new signs. Board discusses. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to do all new fire signs if not replaced within the last five years or if need replaced and also if need posts. Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11-Board reviews letter from Saputo Cheese. No action needed.

12-Gary Krecker gives report on Spring Clean-up Day. Board goes over Waterman's bill for Spring Clean-up Day of \$2440.40. Discussion regarding the charge of \$1300 for 10 tractor tires at \$100 each. Clerk to call Waterman's and verify the charge.

13-Clerk gives update on new voting equipment and goes over MOU with Barron County. Company chosen by a vote of the Barron County Town Clerk's was ESS. The County will pay \$1000.00 toward new equipment if we go with the MOU denoting ESS has the voting equipment. Board Discusses. Supervisor Ed Miller makes motion to go with County. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Chair and clerk sign MOU.

14-Board agrees that they can sign off on agreement with Jack Nessen – no damage done to road. Clerk to bring the agreement to July meeting for the Board to sign off.

15-Road maintenance & equipment: Board goes over Barron County Highway & Monarch Paving bills. Clerk to pay both. Per Gary received 4 loads of blacktop. Discussion of turn around on upper and who to do the work it's a bigger job. Decision is to stay with the County.

Board back to bids on 5 miles of chip seal with bid per mile. Discussion of the granite that Scott construction uses, agree that Fahrner's bid is out, down to Scoot and County. Discussion and what other roads need to be done.

Chair makes motion for 5 miles of chip seal to go with County's bid and Todd's readi-mix fractured rock. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Chair will inform bidders of who received the job.

16-Board goes over and audits vouchers. Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve vouchers 9213 thru 9227. Chair Ken Scheps 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

17-Board sets July Regular Town Board Meeting for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6 pm.

18-Chair Ken Scheps makes motion to adjourn. Supervisor Ed Miller 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Lois Hoff, Clerk