

Town of Almena

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2022 at 8 AM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 8:05 am.

Present: Chair Ken Scheps, Supervisors Harland Becker and Ed Miller, Treasurer Hoyt Rose, Clerk Kristen Moen and Shop employee Gary Krecker.

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Clerk Kristen Moen reads minutes from Annual Meeting April 24, 2021. No discussion on minutes Supervisor Harland Becker makes motion to approve minutes as read, Ed Miller seconds this motion. All in favor. Per Chair - Motion Carried.

Chair Ken Scheps goes over voting procedure. Motion to vote by show of hands made by Supervisor Harland Becker and 2nd by Chair Ken Scheps. All in favor – 6 yes & 0 nos.

Financial: Clerk goes over the charts for 2021 Financial Budget Review, 2021 Tax Collection & Settlement, and 2021/2022 Snow Plowing Program. Nothing to note.

Discussion of 2022/2023 Snow Plowing Continuation and fees : At this time Chair Ken Scheps discusses snowplow contracts for next year. Ken doesn't feel they should lower the cost. Board agrees and Ed miller asks about fuel costs and if we may need to increase plowing hourly wage by \$5. Hoyt discussed adding a possible surcharge if needed in case gas prices increase this fall/winter to over \$8.00/gallon. Harland asked for clarification of when and how the surcharge would be added. Board discussed, and motion was made by Chair Ken to keep cost of \$225 before the October 31st deadline and \$275 after November 1, with an option to add an additional \$5 surcharge if needed. Harland seconds this motion. Hoyt then stated the board would know by September if that surcharge would be needed. Ken asked for clarity on how people would be alerted to this. Hoyt stated that he sends out letters, emails, and they are also on the website and it would go into place if over \$5/gallon. All in favor, 6 yes, 0 no.

Public Input: Chair Ken discusses discussion at fireman's board meeting about ARPA/Covid funds. Discussed what other towns/villages did with their funds and what they have earmarked their funds for. Board discussed if they would be able to rescind on the vote for Mosaic to use their funds. Ken asked Clerk to pull up what was stated in document signed by board. Ken then noted the Grants answer would arrive by end of 2022 and if it wasn't approved, we would keep our funds. Ken did note that there are conditions that need to be upheld by the board and everyone should read over and understand what those are. Ken requested this information to be forwarded to all board members, Clerk forwarded the email to all board members during meeting.

Supervisor Ed then discussed what the payment for meeting and board members was. Ed stated he thought it was increased a few years ago to \$50 for half day and \$100 for full day. Board discussed that it is \$25 for half day and \$50 for full day. Board discussed increasing this as Clerk and Treasurer spend a lot of time at meeting and should be getting paid to do so. Ken and Ed discussed and looked to see when it would be able to start. Ken found directives in the WTA book stating that Clerk needs to post for 30 days and then it can start after that. Motion was made by Harland to approve increase from \$25 to \$50 for half day meetings and \$50 to \$75 for full day. Chair Ken seconds this motion. 6 Yes 0 No.

Board then discussed to add the STP Grand to the May 9th agenda.

Date & time set for 2023 Annual Meeting: Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 8AM. Board then discussed the fire sign error with the town not being listed on top but instead the town address where they receive their mail. Ed stated that Vince didn't think it would be a problem. Harland stated that the fire number isn't a concern because when they are called in they go to the address, Ken confirmed this. Ken requested that we reach out

to the people who made them and ask if they are correct or if they need to be changed. Hoyt stated that he would do this.

Meeting Adjournment: Chair Ken Scheps makes a motion to adjourn annual meeting. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. Vote taken. 6 yes and 0 nos. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Moen, Clerk