

Town of Almena

Minutes – Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting **June 6, 2022**

1-The meeting was called to order by Town Chair Ken Scheps at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Chair Ken Scheps, Supervisors Harland Becker & Ed Miller, Treasurer Hoyt Rose, Shop Employee Gary Krecker, & Clerk Kristen Moen. Also, present Dan Stoffel, Mr. and Mrs. Liverseed, Scott Sturgeon from Scotts Construction, Nate Nelson from Barron County Hwy Department, Caleb LaFave from Monarch Paving and Vince Wolhk.

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

3-The Clerk read the monthly meeting minutes for May 9th, 2022. Supervisor Ed Miller made motion to approve minutes. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3-The Treasurer report for May was given by Treasurer Hoyt Rose. Supervisor Ed Miller made motion to approve report as given. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk presented working capital with no questions from board.

5-Public Input: Mr. and Mrs. Liverseed were present do discuss the cul-de-sac at their property of 247 15 ½ ave on Upper Turtle Lake. They voiced concerns about the out-of-town visitors parking in the cul-de-sac making it difficult for other to turn around on this end. They also discussed issue with the roadway and their driveway. The neighbors had some gravel delivered and the trucks left ruts in the new Cul-de-sac that they were concerned about and questioned if more was going to be done to the road to prevent this from occurring again. They also voiced that the neighbors have been “dumping” extra soil/rock at the end of the road when putting in a drain field. Mrs. Liverseed did show pictures on her phone of what is currently there. She also questioned what the rules and regulations were for decorations along the roadway. Ken asked if a discussion has occurred for them to use some of the neighbor’s property for driveway access which they did state the conversation was had. The board stated that the cul-de-sac is a discussion tonight for road work this summer and Ken stated that the board will address it. Liverseeds leave meeting at 7:30pm.

Ken then brought up discussion about last fire department meeting and the ordinance put in place in 1982 about once a member of the fire department reaches 65 it is a mandatory retirement. This would make the department short 5 since they currently are short 3 and the addition of 2 turning 65. Ken was requesting input from the board on their feelings. Vince stated the largest concern is them being able to do the job in the line of duty without death. The board questioned the insurance and Vince stated they have very good insurance with no limitations. He also stated that statistics show increase in cardiac issues due to stress at the time of the job or after. The board agreed that they should leave the ordinance as is.

Hoyt reported that the grant was all sent in and sitting there. If he could guess it would be at least a year before we hear anything. He did state that we can use the same wording for other WI grants and that a bill has not been sent yet. Clerk confirmed this also.

6-Clerk stated that a new letter and invoice was sent to David Bryngelson 3 times and returned twice as of this meeting. Each time clerk searched and put a different address on the envelope for a location near Poskin Lake. Board discussed that David is working for Monarch and a representative from Monarch was at meeting tonight. He does know David and was willing to take this bill to him. Clerk placed both bill and letter in a sealed envelope to be delivered by Monarch representative to David. Vince was pleased with this as he has been following through with boards to ensure they are following through will obtaining payment for bills sent out. Vince left meeting at 7:46pm

7-Clerk read, and board noted email chain about snowplow damage at a lake property that was discussed at last meeting. Board was pleased with answers.

8-Board reviewed, noted, and discusses bill and results of town clean up day. Board questioned snowmobile belt expense and discussed they would just accept this since they have been working with Waterman Sanitation for years.

9-Board opened and reviewed all bids for chip seal, overlays, crack fill, and blade patch. Scott Construction, Barron County Hwy Department, and Monarch were all present to explain their bids. Fahrner bids were opened but no representative was present. Board asked questions as needed and representatives answered. Scott, Nate, and Caleb left meeting at 8:35pm and board discussed bids and decided that they would not do chip seal this year. Board decided to complete all overlay roads presented except 1 ½ street to 14th avenue to Fire Number 1456. They discussed they would put 5th street south of Hwy 8 for next year road grant and county would complete the cracking filling this year.

10-During Road Maintenance and equipment update nothing was noted except that the mower tractor front tires are getting a little bald, but Gary does hope that they can make it throughout the summer.

18- Board sets next Regular Monthly Town Meeting for July 11, 2022, at 7 pm.

19- Board goes over and audits vouchers. Supervisor Harland Becker made motion to approve vouchers 9418 thru 9432. Chair Ken Scheps 2nds this motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

20- Chair Ken Scheps made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Harland Becker 2nds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Kristen Moen, Clerk