Arthur Township Town Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023

APPROVED

Present were: Chairman Matt Johnson, Supervisor Lisa Holcomb, Supervisor Becky Hadhazy, Clerk Ashley Martin, Treasurer Teri Bentler, Road Manager Fred Sawatzky and Assist. Zoning Admin. Tom Jones.

Visitors present were: Gene Kramer, Peter Ripka, Chad Gramentz, Tom Roeschlein, Teresa Wickham and Ryan Carda.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

Additions to the agenda were as follows: 12. Building Update. Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comments were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bentler provided the Treasurer's report as stated on the agenda; account balance of \$194,533.77, general claims 11523-11529 in the amount of \$760.26. Claim number 11524 has been voided, changing the total general claim total to \$649.47. Payroll claim 3772 in the amount of \$853.70. And monies from the Clerk in the amount of \$9,698.20. Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report with changes. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

OLD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Representatives from the County were present to discuss an ongoing zoning matter with the township. Present were County Commissioners Peter Ripka and Tom Roeschlein, Public Works Director Chad Gramentz, Environmental Services Department Supervisor Teresa Wickham and Ryan Carda. Discussion was held regarding multiple zoning jurisdiction issues such as shoreland, floodplain and platted subdivision zoning. Arthur Township requests that the planning commission continue

to maintain the authority for township subdivision, platting and building inspection, with the option of the County authorities signing off on the township decision.

Linden Woods Development was a topic of discussion regarding the duplex previously approved by the township. The County states they follow the DNR map, which states this subject area is all lake frontage (shoreland), not river frontage as the township has been informed.

Chad Gramentz stated that all questions, concerns and stated topics would be looked at by the County Board, as well as the County's attorney, and would be reported back to the township on any further discussion or decision.

2. Road Report

- A. Road advisor reported that crack sealing has started for the season.
- i. Road advisor updated the Board on the next step for upcoming paving projects and suggests a separate RFP for Collins and Parker Street paving preparations.
- ii. Discussion was held regarding weight restrictions. Road advisor stated the weigh restriction signs should come down on most roads but left on certain township roads with soft spots.
- iii. A request for an RFP for 180^{th} Ave was discussed that includes a timeline of completion.
- B. Linden Woods Resolution has been signed and recorded with Kanabec County.
- C. Road advisor will meet with Knife Lake Township to further discuss town line agreements for signature.
- D. One RFP for Brushing was received from Black's Excavating. However, the Board did not move to accept it as the minimum requirements for submission were not received. The board has requested extending the deadline for the brushing RFP.
 - E. Other road issues: No other issues reported.

2. ZA Report

- A. An update was given by the zoning administrator regarding Mr. Boge's residence. The zoning administrator believes he may have the option of adding on to the attached garage that is currently there.
- B. A discussion was held pertaining to MIDCO. The maps sent by email, that were not working previously, have now been received in the mail. MIDCO has until the first or second week in July to flag where they propose their lines will be located.
 - C. See #1
 - D. No update.
- E. Red Umbrella Coffee Roaster will be attending the next planning commission meeting on June 5, 2023.
 - F. No update.

There were no other zoning issues.

- 4. Recycling Nothing to discuss.
- 5. Safety Issues Nothing to discuss.
- 6. The service doors for the town hall, as well as the recycling building, will be painted. Some have been done at this time.
- 7. Nothing to discuss.
- 8. The town board will further investigate the issues located on 177th Ave and develop a plan of action during road review.
- 9. Lucy Schultz' water will be shut off at sale of property and will be switched over to city water as stated by realtor.
- 10. Road order update will be reviewed and verified during road review.
- 11. Road/Zoning/Weeds review will be May 24, 2023 beginning at 1pm.
- 12. A discussion was held regarding the main entry wall on the outside of the town hall. The board was also informed by the building contractor that the new proposed sidewalk will need to extend beyond the back awning, as well as the gas line will need to be moved prior to pouring concrete. Supervisor Holcomb motioned to approve the replacement of the entry wall with Sunrise Construction. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

- 1. Gene Kramer provided an update to the board pertaining to the landfill. Mr. Kramer explained that the next phase for the landfill is being planned, and documentation is currently needed to move forward. He discussed the need for changes with regards to the construction demolition waste as contractors are struggling to watch loads carefully to ensure no regular household waste is included in a load for construction tear off etc. Gene would like to attend a few township board meetings each year to ensure the township is up to date on the landfill.
- 2. Discussion was held regarding the new mailbox policy for township residents. The price and guidelines have been updated on a new application and will be available to residents via the township's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OTHER DISCUSSION - None

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS May 30, 2023 at 5PM. AWAIR Training to follow. NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS June 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Chairman Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Matt Johnson, Chair Date

Ashley Martin, Cle