

**Arthur Township  
Town Board Meeting  
Minutes of May 28, 2024**

**APPROVED**

Present were: Chair Lisa Holcomb, Supervisor Matt Johnson, Supervisor Becky Hadhazy, Treasurer Teri Bentler, Zoning Administrator Tom Jones, Clerk Ashley Martin.

Visitors present were: Gene Kramer, Heidi Johnson, Roberta Mills, Brad Williams, Butch Obert

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair Holcomb motioned to accept the May 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Supervisor Johnson seconded.

Add Johnson's Cartway to Roads A. Add ECSW to new business.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Teri Bentler provided the Treasurer's report as stated on the agenda; account balance of \$126,735.97, general claims 11756-11759 in the amount of \$388.99. Monies from the clerk in the amount of \$14,617.73.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

**NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

1. Linden Woods- Mailbox: Dan Cook spoke with Fred S. regarding the cluster mailbox issue and USPS. The township has adopted the ordinance of MNDOT, however, Chair Lisa Holcomb spoke with the township attorney and he stated that the USPS can override the township's ordinance as they are a federal entity. The issue for the contractor is that the houses that will be receiving their mail in the cluster boxes will all be senior citizens. There was discussion on the roads in Linden Woods Development. Mr. Cook argues that the roads have been

dedicated. The town board explains that it's dedicated to public use, it does not automatically become an adopted road. The question is whether the USPS is requiring a cluster mailbox due to it being a private road vs a public roadway. Discussion will continue.

2. Project on Prokosch: It was discovered that Prokosch road is not currently where it should be per the road order. The township is encroaching on one side of the road and not wide enough on the other side of the road. The township is planning to slowly migrate the gravel back to the correct space. Black's Excavating and the property owner on Prokosch will reclaim and reshape the road gradually.
3. Beacon: The township's membership has been extended.
4. Road Review Letters: Discussion regarding letters to be sent from the road review findings. A copy of each letter will be in the individual road file.
5. Vacation Rental County Notice: Kanabec County notified the township of a public hearing that included an Arthur Township property on Ann River Dr. with regard to vacation rental. The township was not notified of this application when received. Discussion will carry over if needed.
6. ECSW: Gene Kramer spoke about two items of interest. There was a submission of a request for expansion for the landfill. MPCA put the brakes on the expansion. They will be doing an excavation for a partial expansion beginning in June. It was noted that this expansion falls under the conditional use permit. The second item of information was PFAS information, submitted to the board at the meeting. EPA and MPCA are requiring a specific federal contamination level. The ECSW will no longer allow carpet, among other items, to the landfill.

#### **OLD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

1. Road report:
  - A. Johnson's Cartway- Property owner's stated concerns about water standing after grading the road. They are also concerned that they are cutting big mounds of dirt into their lawns. Supervisor Hadhazy spoke with the contractor and he is aware of the standing water. The sides of the road will be addressed. Supervisor Hadhazy will follow up with the road contractor.

Any other issues: Supervisor Hadhazy was in contact with Knife River and the plan for chloride will be between June 10th - 17th.

2. Zoning/building update:
  - A. Jack and Ruth Moore (1831 Liberty St.) stated to the zoning administrator that Kanabec County Environmental Services requested a review before they proceed with building.
  - B. An application was received from Heidi Johnson for the Arthur Township Planning Commission. After the board discussed the application, Chair

Holcomb motioned to appoint Heidi Johnson for the planning commission. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

Other zoning issues: Discussion was held regarding the cemetery on Butch Obert's property. The county assessor sent him to the township board. The township believes he needs to speak with the assessor about the issue, as the township has no authority on this matter. He also spoke regarding the neighboring property that has a building built on his property. The zoning administrator will look into the issue further. The town board suggests Mr. Obert obtains a survey of his property.

- 4. Safety: Safety report states there is a flat tire on the lawn mower.
- 5. Mail: Kennedy & Graven sent a letter stating the township attorney will no longer be working in their firm. The township would like to stay with Kennedy & Graven. The clerk will be in touch with Kennedy & Graven for further information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**OTHER DISCUSSION** – The township will need to purchase a new state flag when applicable.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING is June 3, 2024 at 6:00PM.  
HWY 65 CORRIDOR PUBLIC MEETING is June 5, 2024 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM at Mora City Hall.  
NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS June 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Supervisor Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Holcomb 6-10-24  
Lisa Holcomb, Chair Date

Ashley Martin  
Ashley Martin, Clerk