

**Arthur Township
Town Board Meeting
Minutes of July 8, 2024**

APPROVED

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

Absent were: Zoning Administrator Tom Jones

Visitors present were: Jerry Black, David Gabbert

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to accept the June 24, 2024 minutes as presented. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded.

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 \$319,283.71, general claims 11774-11786 in the amount of \$56,835.93. This includes Health and Welfare claims totaling \$10,000.00 and Knife River chloride invoice of \$35,323.22.

Discussion was held regarding a current CD rate deal of 4.91% APY through First Citizens Bank. Supervisor Johnson motioned to deposit \$100,000.00 out of account #3769 in a CD through First Citizens Bank at a rate of 4.91% APY for 6 months. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, with the inclusion of the CD approval. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the payment of \$1,500.00 each to Paradise Theatre, Mora Area Youth Recreation Association, Family Pathways and the Kanabec County Sheriff's Reserve from the Health & Welfare levied funds voted by township

citizens at the annual meeting. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. Chair Holcomb voted to approve, making the vote unanimous.

Supervisor Johnson motioned to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 to both the Kanabec County Agricultural Society (per Minn Stat. 38.12) and the Kanabec County Historical Society (per Minn. Stat. 138.053) from the general fund per the vote from township citizens at the annual meeting. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. Chair Holcomb voted in approval, making the vote unanimous.

NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Waterline shut off: Supervisor Johnson motioned to have Black's Excavating cap the water line from the town hall well. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.
3. Hubs Road Dedication: After lengthy discussion and more research, the township board have decided to rescind their motion to dedicate Hubs road and continue with the current easement for maintenance purposes. Supervisor Johnson motioned to rescind prior motion of road dedication. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

OLD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Road report:
 - A. Road updates: Road contractor discussed 177th Ave water washout. The road contractor will also work on road shoulders that have a little washout from the ongoing rain.
Any other issues: The road advisor alerted Supervisor Hadhazy that the township signs Kanabec County Highway Department installed for the township are only about 4 feet high and not very visible. The original posts need to be extended. The township board will request an employee to extend the posts with additional posts.
 - Road contractor will provide the township with an estimate for the culvert replacement on Acorn.
2. Zoning/building update: No updates
3. Recycling
4. Safety Issues
 - A. Town Hall Maintenance: Discussion was held regarding maintenance items noticed during June's safety check. Items of discussion were things such as the retaining wall falling in, town hall cleaning and minor maintenance issues. Discussion will carry over as items are addressed.
6. Flooring: Supervisor Johnson motioned to accept the Carpet Unlimited bid for \$6,659.58 for new flooring in the hall, excluding offices. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The president of the Fish Lake Association requested information on spraying noxious weeds, specifically poison ivy, that is located on State land and DNR land next to the public landings and felt the township was the first place to begin. The town board stated it would be best to speak with Kanabec County Environmental Services due to it being shorelands.

OTHER DISCUSSION – Supervisor Hadhazy relayed a message from the road advisor regarding property owners on 177th Ave. The property owners would like the township to create two earthen mounds as the sediment pond the township installed is not working to help with water issues. The town board discussed the issue and felt the farm fields encroaching on the ditch/road area is adding to wash out issues. The board will consider the issue at the next annual road review and see how the sediment pond performs over that time.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS July 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Supervisor Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11PM. Supervisor Hadhazy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Holcomb 7-22-24
Lisa Holcomb, Chair Date

Ashley Martin
Ashley Martin, Clerk