**Arthur Township
Town Board Meeting**

**Minutes of August 14, 2017 APPROVED**

Present were: Fred Sawatzky, Lisa Holcomb, Chuck McGovern, Julie Fore and Teri Bentler.

Visitors present were: Curt Welk, Duane Mandery, Jack Drabant and Dean Oelfke.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Holcomb moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2017, as presented. McGovern seconded. All were in favor.

Additions were made to the agenda as follows: Add to 2. Road Report E. Any Other Road Issues, 175th Avenue, Harbor Street and Comfort Township Crack Sealing Agreement. McGovern moved to approve the agenda with these additions. Holcomb seconded. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Duane Mandery inquired about the boards going up on the fence of 1704 Shore Drive.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Fore gave the Treasurer’s report as stated on the agenda. Holcomb moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, general claims 10075-10089 in the amount of $60,148.81, payroll claims 3135-3139 in the amount of $1,217.56 and recycling payroll claims 3140-3141 in the amount of $450.20. McGovern seconded. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. ZA Report

 A. ZA has sent a letter to 1704 Shore Drive to inform them that they must stop any further work on the fence they are putting up. There was also discussion that any future complaints regarding 1704 Shore Drive will need to be submitted as a Written Complaint or brought to the Board and a Town Board Meeting.

 ZA to send a letter to the owner of 1947 Parker Street that their driveway approach was not permitted and will need to be removed immediately.

 There was discussion regarding 1966 Hammagren Road and the fish house and pickup that are sitting in the road right-of-way. ZA to send letter that these items must be moved.

2. Road Report

 A. The paperwork regarding 1704 Shore Drive has been forwarded to the township’s attorney. Any additional paperwork forwarded to him will also be sent to the town board members on their township email accounts.

 B. There was discussion regarding the drainage issue on Shore Drive. Kadlec Excavating will be taking dirt from the road where it is high and moving it in an attempt to tip the road to the east. It is believed that the road will widen to about 20’ by lowering it 8”. There was also discussion about all the mailboxes being replaced with swing-aways.

 C. Sawatzky will have the Road Worker put up some sort of posts and chain to stop through traffic on Outlot A.

 D. Knife River is still working on fixing the drainage issue on Imperial Street.

 E. Sawatzky reported that someone did not stop at the stop sign on 175th Avenue and County Road 17 and went into the trees on the west side of CR 17. Sawatzky will talk with the County Engineer about possibly putting a high-reflective “Stop Ahead” sign on 175th Avenue.

 Holcomb requested that Kadlec Excavating do some work on Harbor Street to pull up the sides.

 The Crack Seal Agreement with Comfort Township was signed by Sawatzky.

 There was discussion about getting the new employee certified to do weed inspections and have him go out now and mark on a map where there are problem weeds that need to be taken care of next year.

3. Recycling

 A. Holcomb made a motion to purchase a combination bulletin board and literature rack for the recycling center from Amazon for $263.03. McGovern seconded. All were in favor.

 B. There was discussion regarding the options for the oil tank. Should it be moved to the fenced area, enclosed, covered, etc. More investigation will be done before a decision is made on how to proceed.

4. Safety Issues – Nothing to discuss.

5. Dean Oelfke was present to discuss the Health & Welfare Application received from the Kanabec County Ministerial Association. He was advised that at this point the Board does not feel that KCMA qualifies to receive these funds. Mr. Oelfke should provide the Board with a state statute that would allow them to approve the KCMA application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Benefits for the new employee will be reviewed at the end of his 60-day probationary period.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**OTHER DISCUSSION** - None

The next Town Board meeting is August 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Sawatzky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. McGovern seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

 Submitted by: Teri Bentler, Clerk