

Regular Town Board Meeting

MINUTES

Town of Armstrong Creek

Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

July 19, 2021

Chairperson Barbara Barker called to order the Regular Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 19, 2021.

Present

Chairperson Barbara Barker, Supervisor Bonnie Joe Pycrz, Treasurer Chris Frydrych, and Clerk Tamaney “Sam” Augustin were all in attendance.

1) Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the July 19, 2021, agenda- Bonnie Joe Pycrz made that motion and Barbara Barker seconded. Motion was carried.

2) Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021, meeting was made by Bonnie Joe Pycrz and Barbara Barker seconded. Motion was carried.

3) Citizens Input-none

4) Communications

- An anonymous complaint letter regarding a dog off leash was received via mail. Not being in the position of having a constable that would handle this sort of thing and being unsure of the town’s policy for handling anonymous complaints, research was done by Sam Augustin on how other towns handle them.

It was found that anonymous complaints are usually only accepted in larger cities like Milwaukee and Madison. They have people on staff that can investigate and remedy these claims.

In smaller towns, complaints generally needed to be made in person to a board member. If a person does not want their name attached to the complaint, that is respected, and the board member presents said complaint for possible resolution without mentioning the name of the complainant. As a board, we will not be addressing anonymous complaints unless they are handled in this manner.

This will be communicated on our website and posted at the Community Center.

5) Treasurer's Report

- Chris Frydrych submitted the treasurer's report to the board members. It was reported that May receipts were \$52,300.65 and disbursements were \$50,750.09, leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$68,977.99. Bonnie Joe Prycz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Barbara Barker seconded that motion. Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

6) Discussion/action Festival Grant Money

- Barbara Barker communicated that the \$10,000 grant money from the Potawatomi Festival has been received. We will proceed with having a new well drilled to supply water to the Town Garage. Bids were received and the best choice, because of total cost, warranty and service included, was with T&T Well Drilling. Contract is signed and deposit of \$2500 sent to them to get us on their schedule.

An appropriate hand-written thank you card will be sent.

7) Discussion/action Lion's Club money

- Barbara Barker communicated that the Lion's Club is going to donate funds to help replace the aging refrigerator at the community center. A commercial refrigerator has been purchased for \$3410. This price included installation and disposal of old unit that could not be repaired.

8) Discussion/action Armstrong Creek historical buildings

- Bonnie Joe Prycz reported that she has been contacted by Kinzie Carlson, who is working with Phil Adamczyk to find grant funding for his restoration project of the Connor General Store site in Laona. There have been two sites in Armstrong Creek that are included in the state's historical register. They are the Wywialowski Farmstead and the Red Bridge. It was communicated that we might want to piggyback on any grant funding that they find for the Connor site so that we might have assistance with any necessary repairs or restoration to our sites. They are working directly with Wywialowski Farmstead and asked that we let them know of anything needed for the Red Bridge.

There are few things to be addressed at the bridge. The information placards need repair or replacement, and the structure could use a paint refresh. Bonnie Joe Prycz will be communicating this to Kinsey and will keep us informed of any additional information that might be needed and/or potential funding that might be available to us.

9) Discussion/action AMB Productions 2018 donation of \$500 for new town signs

- Bonnie Joe Prycz reported that she was approached about this donation from the 2018 Suicide Prevention Music Festival. It was determined that said donation has not been used yet and once the new sign is placed, there will be acknowledgement of donations received on the website and any other available communication tools.

10) Review/pay July Vouchers

- All vouchers were reviewed. Bonnie Joe Prycz made a motion to approve the July vouchers and Barbara Barker seconded. Motion was carried and vouchers were approved for payment.

Portfolio's Discussion/Action

a) Roads and Equipment

- Old 101 cooperative project has been completed
- County Line Road has been redone to eliminate road washout. It was inspected after the last big rainstorm and there was no sign of washout problem re-occurring.
- South Tower Road has 65 loads of material added to help keep the road open in the winter months.
- Gravel crushing will begin soon, making more material available for road maintenance.
- Mowing will begin on roadsides during the last weeks of July.
- Equipment has been running well with only repair of significance being replacement of foot pedal on loader.

b) Community Center

- Siding for repair from accident has been ordered and should be in soon. Prep for that work has been done.

c) Garbage

a. Discussion/action Eagle Waste Contract

- It was reported that a copy of the original contract and any new quotes for services needs to be obtained from Eagle Waste so that they can be reviewed and compared with other providers. Bonnie Joe Prycz will pursue getting this information and report back when she has received it.

b. Discussion/action big dumpster for fall

- Summer cleanup has not had the response that the spring cleanup does. Discussion of expanding spring cleanup weekends and eliminating summer cleanup were mentioned. Further evaluation and discussion will be needed before a final decision is made on how to proceed.

c) Cemetery

- James Kowalkowski reported that the big spruce tree has been taken down. Cleanup is to be done right away.

d) Other

- James Kowalkowski reported that the existing well beside the pavilion has an aging 1974 whitewater pump system that will continue to work fine if the roots from the tree nearby are not disturbed. Said tree is dying. If those roots are disturbed, it may cause problems with this well that may result in costly repairs. Avoiding this is best course of action currently. Drilling the new well supplies the needed water at the garage and gives a backup to this system if it ever fails.
- Bonnie Joe Prycz was approached about the possibility of getting about a dozen or so stones from the gravel pit for a pathway at a residence. James Kowalkowski stated that it should be any problem for that to be done.

10) The August 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting will be August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

11) Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Joe Pyrcz and seconded by Barbara Barker. Motion carried.

Chairperson Barbara Barker adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Tamaney "Sam" Augustin, Town Clerk
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