

TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Special Notes: 50% capacity & Face Masks Required if not fully vaccinated

7:30 PM July 12th, 2021

Zoom 251 827 4500 Passcode MgW26n, not for voting members

Town Supervisor: Brian McAvoy

Board Members Present: Lynn Bedford via zoom, Chris Cannon, Larry Ball & Chris Jackson

Highway Superintendent: Lisa Waldron
Town Clerk: Jane Lindquist
Code Enforcement: Ed Pagano

Public Present: John Potter, Dave Szydlo, Jamie Hebner and Julie Hebner

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Brian McAvoy

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish a Quorum – 3 council people

Review and Approval of June 14, 2021, Regular board meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes. Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Reports:

Supervisor: Finance Reports & Budget Review – Revenues in good shape. Sales tax will be coming in. Town is healthy. Insurance due in the fall.

Budget Transfers

General Fund

\$200.00 from 9060.8 Employee Benefits-Medical

\$200.00 to 8810.4 Cemetery-Contractual

Highway Fund

\$100.00 from 9060.8 Employee Benefits-Medical

\$100.00 to Employee Benefits-Other (Drug Testing)

Motion to accept budget transfers. Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

EDP updates- A lot of complaints in May. But Month of June –1 noise complaint – 1 household.

Highway Superintendent

Financial report –Lisa Waldron gave Highway report. We are within budget for the highway. Spending vs Budget Update (monthly) snow removal good shape. Road work coming out of CHIPS. Below budget on all projects. Got trees out of road on Griswald.

Tree removal- Great Lake tree service to remove trees. Trees that need to be removed because they are in our right of way. People feel in danger. Are trees within the 25ft distance of the center of the road? If trees come down, they would come down on power lines or hit some one's house. Off the center of the road, the town has the right to remove it.

Do a sealed bid on tree service to have on call for the year.

Tree Care bid was \$10,000.00

Brian will talk to Passafaro about rules for trees.

Update on Highway Plan Progress- Budget is on track. Road construction on track. Sand stocked for next winter.

Equipment Discussion- New truck, Excavator & Loader- Trucks #1 & #4 costing \$10,000.00 in repairs. Single axle trucks can't find any used. If we order new one from Peterbuilt or Freightliner, will not get till January or July of next year. Need 2 Trucks. Grader replacement.

If Lisa finds a truck- we will call a special meeting to meet about it.

Give it one more month to shop and see what Lisa can bring to the table. Look for 5 - 7year old truck.

Revisit in August.

Brian budgeted out of reserve to build town hall, garage, purchase 2 new trucks and a 7% property tax cut. Reserve would be back to where it was in 5 years.

Excavator & Loader Rollover- Approval to rollover Excavator for \$22,100.00 and Loader for \$27,000.00 with George & Swede.

Motion to Accept Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Update on gas line – gas line marked out. But might in the way of the new building. Lisa going to see if we can work around.

Clerk & Tax collector- 7 Dog licenses, 1 marriage. Turn a check for \$3130.53 to general fund for the Town of Arkwright.

Dog Control- none

Justice Report- Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of John Potter- The amount of fines \$800.00 and \$428.00 in surcharges. Total of \$1228.00 for the Month of June.

Assessor- none

Code Enforcement Officer – 5 permits

DFT Tower permit for Tower built in 2017- Tower permit completed this week. Surety Bond complete. Building a small storage building to meet with them. Jeff- Zoning board- Can't disapprove. Jeff said – that could have over road. Make sure language correct. Public utility state sets zoning.

Town Council Members

Lynn Bedford- Comments on Solar in Arkwright. Thanks for the preservation paperwork. Would have voted yes to cemetery – financial accountability.

Chris Jackson- none

Chris Cannon- none

Larry Ball- Land Purchase- - Survey- no update

Fence for Christian Meeting- talked to Lisa Waldron about highway guys putting up over the next year. Should accept the bid for Pavlock Construction for installing the fence. Run an ad in the paper for installing fence bids. Revisit in August.

Motion to Accept Supervisor, Departments and Councilperson reports- Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Cannon 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to accept Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in Favor.

Old Business

Solar Energy Projects- Discuss use & sizing of Projects Town will/will not Allow- Large scale – 25 kw. No industrial. State going to do. We need something in place. We need zoning over solar projects. No vote tonight. Need to allow & zone. Study the laws from Hanover & Sheridan. Revisit in august.

Motion to Approve Supervisor to Engage Passafaro to Draft Law based on intended Use & size, Subject to Board Definition- Will revisit in August

Security System on order with DFT- 6 cameras going up.

Evans Insurance IT Security Survey- Completed but Will require Phishing training.

DVR & Installation on Support Security Cameras from Court Grant has been ordered.

New Business

ARPA Application has been filed. Need to Determine acceptable use. \$105,824.00 in two payments, use for COVID related responses- filed 2 weeks & 1 year from now.

Motion to Approve Supervisor to Engage Passafaro to Draft Public notice on Building Fund- \$500,000.00 Earmarked for Town Hall. Motion to approve supervisor to engage legal counsel to draft public notice establishing building fund. Motion by Larry Ball, Chris Jackson 2nd. 3 council people in favor. Chris Cannon opposed. Motion was carried.

Discussion on Architectural Support for Engineered Plans- drawing of floor plan. Lisa Waldron check is we can put building at the site on other side of highway barns. Give Brian Chris number for the gas line.

Evans Insurance Renewal Process is starting- Need application- broker- should we shop, need applications, change brokers, or stay with the same.

Motion to Approve Supervisor to Send Letter of Support to Cherry Creek Sno Goers for Grant- Motion by Chris Jackson, Larry Ball 2nd. All in Favor.

Motion to Approve Supervisor to Send Letter of Support for County Code Enforcement Study- Motion by Chris Cannon, Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Missing Marker in Cowden's Cemetery- Saxton called- marker gone – brass plaque stolen of site. Picture on website shows it there. Veterans' administration foundation should be notified.

Public Comment-

Jamie Hebner- Pay back in 5 years. We have the best grader- most expense repair would be motor. We could still pay ourselves back with a 5-year building equipment plan.

Larry Ball – snowmobile concerned about liability- check into liability.

Meeting adjourned motioned by Larry Ball, 2nd by Chris Jackson. All in Favor.