

Argusville City Council Regular Meeting

July 11, 2022

Mayor Darren Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the following in attendance: Rod Clouse, Jenna Saewert, Katie Shipley, Parker Vander Wal, Mary Howatt, Al Woods, and Karen Olson.

M Clouse-Saewert to approve consent agenda: June regular & organizational minutes, June finance report, bills: Cass County Electric \$590.80 & \$29, Cass County Reporter \$403.78, DWetzel \$554.10, DBecker \$415.58, RClouse \$415.58, JSaewert \$415.58, KShipley \$346.31, US Treasury \$573.75, Office Depot \$61.76 & \$60.13, Northland Enterprises \$1833.33, Trend Micro \$75.91, Park District \$527.09, MHowatt \$1154.38, Farmers Union \$828, Google \$25, Ohnstad Twichell \$563.74, Top Gun Plumbing \$19,600, Century Link \$67, Cass County Electric \$621.15, Cass Rural Water \$3123.58 & \$156.62, Waste Management \$3457.64, US Treasury \$573.75, City of Fargo \$14, Jesse Soper \$7.50, Al Woods, \$40.60, AWoods \$1154.38, Ferguson Waterworks \$128.80, ND One Call \$17.65, Airborne Custom Spraying \$1215 & \$1215, and online levee transfers from WS to General: \$45 city & \$5 Cass Co. Carried.

Deputy Report: Deputy Thompson absent; written report submitted.

Olson of Ferguson Waterworks presented information and demonstrated radio read registers, receivers, and software. Discussed features, installation, operation, billing software, expenses, and availability of ARPA funds. Would ship October 14. Determined to start with city proper in 2022; schedule Richwood area for 2023.

M Clouse-Saewert to accept quote of \$215/register for 65 meters and one receiver (\$5500) with software capability package (\$3400). Carried.

Mike Lovejoy arrived at meeting. Karen Olson left meeting.

Cass County Electric requests an easement on 167th to install new power lines for the homes on the frontage road.

M Shipley-Vander Wal to approve the easement contingent upon attorney review and approval. Aye: Clouse, Saewert, Shipley, Vander Wal. Nay/Absent: none. Carried.

No Engineer Report. Web mapping presentation tabled to August.

Discussed HOA's potential dissolution: retention pond/drainage easement, mowing responsibility, covenants and ordinances, and the benefits of keeping the HOA intact at a minimally operational level to maintain covenant standards for that community.

Project Updates:

- **West lift pumps** for sanitary sewer will be installed; date TBD.
- **Hydrant replacement** complete; Top Gun will return to clean up the site restoration.
- **St. William's site restoration:** Lovejoy will supply a quote.
- **City Proper storm sewer televising** complete; Moore reviewing the film.
- **Security camera** installation to be done within a month. Separate poles to be installed for 167th cameras.
- **Tractor Pull** advertising is ready. Site is being maintained/prepped.

Clouse noted RE curb stops and manhole covers have projected up. He will check with the HOA to discuss maintenance. Woods will check with Moore to see if the discharge pump from the pump house has a check valve.

Shipley reported on After School Program research and requested city coverage of registration expense to the Childcare: Workforce Dilemma event sponsored by the FM Chamber of Commerce.

M Clouse-Saewert to reimburse \$35 registration fee to Shipley for the Chamber childcare event July 12. Carried.

Discussed property upkeep letter with focus on health and safety concerns. Shipley to share draft with Howatt for mailing.

Vander Wal submitted New Elected Officials receipt for reimbursement. Inquired about domesticated ducks in town.

Budget committee to set meeting next week. The city website has been reviewed and updated. The new city app is ready; training for administering has been scheduled.

Saewert provided update from state on the Argusville school property. There is a cost estimate of \$474,000 to demolish the building, including air monitoring during the process. The landfill can take 50% of the damaged building. The other half is expected to be salvageable. The state is hiring a grant writer to assist with applying for EPA grants; grant announcement is anticipated for this fall. If all proceeds well, the building could be removed in 2023.

Woods requested clean out of a Sugar Drive manhole. Howatt to contact Jet-Way.

The RE bike path had a sink hole. It has been filled with sand and is being monitored.

The pumphouse road needs gravel and mowing. Lovejoy will take care of it.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 1, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 9:24pm.

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt – Auditor