

Monday August 14, 2023

Belle Plaine Community Center

07:00 pm

At 7:00 pm Alvin Bartz called to order the August 2023 monthly board meeting present for roll call was Wade Wisnefske Supervisor #1, Cody Hoffman Supervisor #2, Kristine Vomastic Clerk and Colleen Weishoff Treasurer.

67 Citizens Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Joosten asked Cody if he had contacted Peter Schmidt State Representative concerning the beaver issue? He said he had but has not really had any help on how to proceed.

Attorney Craig Mares representing citizens concerning the campground proposal asked when the town will be voting on that issue? The Zoning Committee will need to meet to add Campground requirements to our zoning ordinance, these would pertain to anyone in the town wanting to start a campground and not specifically Mike Nelson. Alvin stated it is hard to say how long it is going to take.

John Hoffman wanted the town to notify all citizens when we are having a meeting to work on zoning. The Clerk is now posting all meetings according to state statutes.

Gordy Zachow wants to add a gravel driveway going back to his house and wanted to know if he needed a permit. Alvin said no.

AGENDA:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Colleen, Town Treasurer talked about moving our cd's to the best rate. She will be pulling some cd's that have very low rates in order to move them to a 5.1%. even though we would receive a small penalty, it would be made up in a short time. She also presented to the board to consider letting the town sign up for ach payments to be pulled for utilities as they come due instead of waiting for approval at the board meetings because many times, they are then past due and we receive late fee charges. We will put this on the September agenda for

approval. Wade made a motion to approve moving the cd's and to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Cody, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk read the minutes from the July 10th, 2023 regular town and from the July 31st special meeting concerning Mike Nelson's request to possibly have a campground on Rustic Drive across from his trailer park. Wade Wisnefske made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cody Hoffman, all three in favor non opposed, motion carried.

AGENDA

CSM MAP

A certified survey map for Katzies Angels LLC was discussed, they are dividing some of the land. Alvin said he would sign it and return it when it is received. A motion was made by Cody to have Alvin approve the map when it is received, seconded by Wade, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

OPERATOR LICENSE

Operator license for Luke Heling was gone over. He will be tending bar at Break Away. Wade made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Cody, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

ALTERNATE FOR ZONING COMMITTEE

Alvin said we need an additional person on our zoning committee. He is recommending Adam Kuczer to be an alternate. Wade made a motion to approve adding Adam, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE

The final copy of the chicken ordinance was gone over for approval, there were no additions or corrections that needed to be made. Wade made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Cody, all in favor none opposed, motion carried.

CHANGING MEETING TIME FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Alvin talked to the board about changing the regular monthly meeting time in the winter to 9:30 a.m. This will be for the months of December, January, February

and March. Due to inclement weather and driving at night he thought it was a good idea. A motion was made by Wade to change the meeting time, seconded by Cody, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

SPECIAL ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be scheduling a special zoning committee meeting to brainstorm and look over what we feel needs to be added to our Zoning Ordinance concerning campgrounds and or camping resorts. Information from surrounding areas will be gathered to compare.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Alvin stated that we will continue to have immunization clinics at the town hall for a few months yet.

Alvin also stated that we can't charge Belle Plaine residents for garbage and take that amount out of our levy. No highway aids will be increased for 2024.

He also said he has received a mailing from a solar company in Colorado. Alliant Energy has mini solar farms. Alvin also stated that he has been going to the solid waste meeting at the courthouse. He said the town has already paid for what needed to pay from years ago but the board still wants to charge additional money for when one of the cells stopped working.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

None

Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cody, all in favor, non-opposed motion carried

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Kristine Vomastic Clerk

