

July 12, 2021
Town of Tomah
Monthly Board Meeting

Those Present: Howard Hanson, Randie Johns, Allan Bartels, Teresa Hubert, Breanne Zaremba, Brian Hubert, Vaugh Kuehl, Kathy Yenter, Karen Olsen, Anthony Yenter, Austin Yenter, Dean Yenter, Dick Baumgarten, Don Kaus, Ernie Thackeray, Betty Stoltenberg, Brian P Evans, Jerry Fushianes, Scott Wilcox, Todd R Sparks, Todd M Zaremba, Valerie Holmes, Roxie Anderson, Kathy Flatoff, and Pete Thorson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hanson.

The clerk's report was read. Randie Johns made a motion to accept the clerk's report. Allan Bartels seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Allan Bartels made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Randie Johns seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment

- Todd Sparks asked about a house on Holly Avenue that was a former Amish home. It is in disrepair and wants to know what the town can do about it.
 - Howard Hanson said that it is under County Zoning jurisdiction, that the county has ordinances to deal with properties like this. Howard Hanson has written 2 letters with no response. The Corporation Council for the county will need to take action
 - Howard Hanson asked the County when they could do something about it, and they replied that they are too backed up and need more help.
 - The property owner has received 3 citations from the Monroe County Sheriff
- Scott Wilcox asked about a property down the road from the former Amish home, and how a person can live in a portable shack on a property...said property is in the Town of Oakdale and there is nothing the town of Tomah can do about that.
- Todd Sparks brought up the culvert bridges on Holbrook Rd. One culvert is coming up and the plows have taken road material off it, and another has lots of potholes that make it hard to drive over. Howard Hanson will have the patrolmen take a look at the bridges.

Update on ARPA Funds

The Town received half of the funds in June. It is still unclear how the funds can be spent. It is advised to leave the monies in a separate account to accrue interest until we know what can be done. Monies received do not have to be spent until December 31, 2023.

Roxie Anderson from the Monroe County Land Conservation Office

Roxie was present to discuss how to proceed with updating the Town Comprehensive Plan. The current plan was written in 2007, with updates in 2011, and is set to expire in 2025. The goal is to update the plan every 10 years. It is only mandatory to have a plan in place, it is not mandatory to update it. The Planning Commission will work through a process of working sessions, and Roxie was hired through the County to be available to guide the group, at no cost to

the Town. Roxie will not be available to start the process until late 2021 to early 2022, and the process could take up to 6 months. The planning commission will need 5 members in order to proceed.

Impact Fees

It was brought up in public comment, in a previous meeting, if the town would be able to use Impact Fees, on new construction, to help fund roads. Howard Hanson did some research and brought info to the board to discuss it. There are many hoops to go through to implement the fees, and monies collected would need to be kept in the area of development...it would not be available for the whole town to use. Discussion occurred, and the board is not in favor of implementing the fees.

Monthly bills were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made by Randie Johns to adjourn the meeting. Allan Bartels seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba