

Town of Naples

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TOWN OF NAPLES BOARD MEETING July 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Town of Naples Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Town Chairman Dennis Olson presiding over the meeting at Naples Town Hall, S283 County Road BB, Mondovi, WI 54755.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Town Chairman, Dennis Olson, First Supervisor, Paul Accola, Second Supervisor, Brett Cole, Town Treasurer, Andy Goss, and Town Clerk, Jackie Dregney. Also present were Karon Olson, Sue Iverson, Pamela Hanson, Doug Tollefson, Neil Segerstrom, Bryan Wulff, and Buck Webb with TCC Communications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion by Accola and seconded by Cole to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021. Motion carried.

\$100,000 SUPPORT FUNDS FROM BUFFALO COUNTY FOR BROADBAND PROJECT AWARDED:

Olson shared information that the Buffalo County Board committed to \$100,000 in support funds for the broadband project currently being worked on. TCC is submitting a grant application for the township for aid from the Public Service Commission (PSC) as well; the support funds will be contingent on receiving grant dollars from the PSC. No action.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

The township has received a payment of \$35,168.63 for half of the allocated amount of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. Motion by Cole and seconded by Accola to put the ARPA funds received in a savings account for future use on the possible broadband project. Motion carried.

TCC REPRESENTATIVE – NEXT STEPS IN BROADBAND PROJECT:

Buck Webb with TCC Communications was present with information regarding the PSC Grant application for the broadband project and to answer any questions presented. The project is estimated at \$1.7 million. The possible grant portion applied for is 65/35. TCC would pay \$297,000 leaving the township responsibility of \$215,000 after the county support. ARPA funds can be used toward this project as well. The grant paperwork is nearly complete for the July 27, 2021 deadline. If approved construction would start in the spring of 2022 with half of the payment due then. Concerned residents asked why TCC wouldn't put more money toward a project that will benefit their business. They are planning on providing more than just broadband on the lines that are paid for by the township. Motion by Cole and seconded by Accola to partner with TCC on moving forward with the partnership agreement. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON BASEMENT WALL:

Olson updated the new basement wall was poured last week. The footings could be reused and should save some expense. A contractor will need to put siding back on. Olson will contact Gonstad Construction for siding and steps. No action.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE:

Olson stated we are waiting on Buffalo County for road construction. Ward Road culvert is still being held up by the DNR due to permitting. Karon Olson asked to leave Segerstrom Road as is instead of grinding and milling due to a family member's health issues with the dust it would cause not having it paved. Tollefson stated patches from spring are

popping up. Motion by Accola and seconded by Cole to hold off on milling Segerstrom Road until after the broadband project. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

All bills were presented and paid.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting for the Town of Naples Board will be held August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:25 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

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