

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

January 2, 2023

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, David Lucey, John Wright, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Ingmar Nelson, Eric Henning

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 6:02pm
2. Roll call taken.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Wright seconded.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook
5. Wright motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meeting, Gauger seconded.
6. Patrolman Report
  - a. Finalize Patrolman Wages & Benefits
    - i. Henning to get PTO time vs full pay increase all other benefits remain the same. Contract with PTO time is subject to 6 month reviews.
  - b. New Pickup Truck
    - i. Difficult to obtain truck but a loan can be taken out now for 4.79% before interest rates increase.
7. Appointment vs Elected Clerk Ordinance-tabled until February meeting
8. Review Bills. Gauger motions to approve bills, Wright seconded.
9. Public Comment.
  - a. Frame Rd Bridge will be 100% cost shared by county and state
  - b. Gaiger makes a motion to reimburse the 4 people who overpaid on their 2022 tax bill, Wright seconded.
10. Adjournment 6:58. Wright motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded.

Submitted January 15, 2023, Andrea Joo, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

February 6, 2023

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, David Lucey, John Wright, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Ingmar Nelson, Eric Henning, Kaelin Kjaldgaard, Abby Stelse

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 6:05pm
2. Roll call taken.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Wright seconded.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook
5. Wright motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meeting, Gauger seconded.
6. Patrolman Report
  - a. Finalize Patrolman Wages & Benefits
    - i. Gauger motioned to approve final written patrolman contracts, Wright seconded.
  - b. New Pickup Truck
    - i. No loan was taken out because there is no date setup for receiving the truck. No news as to when the truck will arrive.
  - c. Plowing
    - i. Both trucks are being used. Discussion on tire chains.
7. Abby Stelse 9.4 Acres Demby Rd, Building & Driveway Permit. No camping permit is needed from Iowa County but a privy permit is. Wright motions to approve a one year building and driveway permit with possible extension upon review at a later date, contingent that they get the proper privy permit and that they do not live in the camper December through April, unless the county says otherwise; gauger seconded.
8. Establish Polling Place & Appoint Tabulators for Spring Primary. Gauger made a motion to establish 148 Hwy 14, Arena WI 53503 as the polling place for spring primary and appointed Julie Jensen, Evy Halverson & Marian Wright as Tabulators, John Wright seconded.
9. Appointed Clerk Ordinance. It was decided to continue with elected clerk vs appointed. No change.
10. Security Cameras. Discussion about the need for cameras. Gauger made a motion for Ingmar Nelson to research and purchase security cameras less than \$700. Nelson will assist the patrolman with installation.
11. Review Bills. Wright motions to approve bills with the removal of the non-applicable Poms Tire bill, Gauger seconded.
12. Public Comment.

a. Discussion on Fire & EMS

13. Adjournment 8:05. Wright motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded.

Submitted February 19, 2023, Andrea Joo, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

March 7, 2023

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, David Lucey, John Wright, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Colleen Zimple, Matt Maffet, Tom Skaife, Julie Jensen, Ingmar Nelson, Cheryl Schmidt, Tom Frischmann, Dalton Schaff, Cody Dummer, Kathy Mauger, Tom Mauger

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 6:00pm
2. Roll call taken.
3. Wright motions to approve the current agenda, Gauger seconded.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook
5. Gauger motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meeting, Wright seconded.
6. Patrolman Report
  - a. Roads got posted with weight limits.
  - b. Discussion on Helena Rd. Truck traffic and S-curve part of the road is breaking up.
  - c. Discussion on culvert needed on Mellum Rd, along with roads that need the edges blacktopped.
7. Tom Frischmann, Baker Rd. Rezone 30 acres A1 to AR1. Gauger makes a motion to approve 30 acres to be rezoned from A1 to AR1, Wright seconded.
8. Nadia Alber, Blue Ridge Rd, Ag Building, Future Buildings.
  - a. 2 no shows from Alber, neighbors show frustration in that
  - b. Driveway location was brought up as an issue and discussed.
  - c. General discussion on what Alber had proposed in a prior planning meeting.
9. Spring Election.
  - a. Wright made a motion to establish 148 Hwy 14, Arena as location for spring election, Gauger seconded.
  - b. Wright made a motion to combine wards for election, Gauger seconded.
  - c. Wright made a motion to appoint Marion Wright, Evy Halverson & Julie Jensen as election tabulators, Gauger seconded.
10. Baxter Rd Discussion.
  - a. The state is not replying to emails.
  - b. Baxter Rd cannot be done until Hwy 14 turnoffs are done.
11. Security Cameras. Ingmar Nelson has new security cameras the town can purchase and install but they are not returnable.
12. Review Bills. Wright motions to approve bills, Gauger seconded.
13. Public Comment.
  - a. Clean Sweep discussion. Clean sweep will be booked for May.

14.Adjournment 7:20. Gauger motioned to adjourn; Wright seconded.

Submitted March 23, 2023, Andrea Joo, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

April 3, 2023

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, David Lucey, John Wright, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Lance Cook, Stephanie Cook, Cheryl Heck

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 7:01 pm
2. Roll call taken.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Wright seconded.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook
5. Wright motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meeting, Gauger seconded.
6. Patrolman Report
  - a. Loy road will get a dead end sign
  - b. Discussion on which roads need to have work done in 2023
    - i. Sawle
    - ii. Knight Hollow
    - iii. Meadowvale
    - iv. School
    - v. Helena
    - vi. Blynn
    - vii. Coon Rock
    - viii. Ray Hollow
  - c. Fire Extinguishers to be checked and inspected by Jefferson Fire
7. Lance Cook, 7504 Helena Rd Building & Driveway Permit. Wright made a motion to approve request for driveway and building permit, Gauger seconded.
8. Annual Meeting Discussion
  - a. Meeting to be April 18
  - b. Gauger -Fire Dept Report
  - c. Joo-Road Report
  - d. Lucey-Financial Report
9. Security Cameras. Inmar Nelson and have a plan, waiting for better weather.
10. Review Bills. Wright motions to approve March bills, Gauger seconded.
11. Public Comment.
  - a. Clean Sweep discussion. Clean sweep will be May 20.
  - b. Vortex has been shooting several days in a row on Coon Rock Rd
12. Adjournment 8:04. Wright motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded.

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Arena Town Hall

### Minutes of Annual Meeting April 18, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Roll Call taken: Minnie Gauger, Bill Gauger, Dave Lucey, Andrea Joo, Cheryl Schmidt. Others Present: Eric H , Julie Jensen, Jon Joo, Steve Harrington.
3. Motion made by Andrea to approve Annual Meeting agenda, seconded by Bill.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook. Emailed a copy to Valley Sentinel
5. Financial Report: David explained it's looked at as 1. Roads; 2. Maintenance of Buildings; 3. Employees.
6. Road Work: The Scott Construction, Inc. bids explained and discussed.
7. Fire Dept. Report: Discussion.
8. Salaries: Will remain the same.
9. Public Comment:
  - a. 2024 elections (4): J. Jensen discussed this and how the elections of 2023 ran.
  - b. Broadband: Discussion on Light Speed-Reedsburg and MHTC-Mt. Horeb bringing broadband to Arena Township.
  - c. Clean Sweep- scheduled for May 20, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
10. Motion from Public on the completion of the annual meeting by Steve Harrington, seconded by Julie Jensen
11. Motion to Adjourn by Andrea, seconded by Bill. Meeting adjourned.

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

May 1, 2023

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Ingmar Nelson, Steve Ross, M. Heffron.

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 7:00 pm
2. Roll call taken. All board members present.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Joo seconded. Motion carried.
4. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA Facebook
5. Minutes from April 3 Board Meeting, April 17 Oath of Office meeting, and April 18 Annual meeting were reviewed. Joo motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meetings, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
6. Patrolman Report: Scott Construction paving to be done, updated.
7. Steve Ross, 5651 CTH H. Motion by Bill to approve the building permit, land division and driveway permit for Ross. Andrea seconded. Motion carried.
8. Siting Permit, Bill motion to recommend this matter be tabled to do more research on it. Andrea seconded. Motion carried.
9. Security Cameras. Inmar Nelson got a longer cable; will need solar to recharge.
10. Review Bills. Joo motions to approve April bills, Gauger seconded.
11. Public Comment.
12. Adjournment 8:55. Joo motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded.

Submitted June 5, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

June 5, 2023

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Natasha Peterson, Hannah White, Lisa Pretsch, Duane Pretsch, Jessica Gilbert, Luke White, John White, Debby White, Sarah Dilley, Justin Dilley, Ingmar Nelson, Chace Nelson, Crystal King, Joyce Mason, Cal Jensen.

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 7:01 pm
2. Roll call taken. All board members present.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Joo seconded. Motion carried.
4. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA Facebook
5. Minutes from May Board Meeting were reviewed. Joo motions to approve meeting minutes, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
6. Patrolman Report: Coon Rock Road completed; chip being done next week; discussion on plow trucks; discussion on repair of Salt Shed.
7. Hannah White, Joles Road speed limit discussion. Motion by Gauger to approve 3 legal 15 mph speed limit signs and deaf child signs. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
8. Natasha Peterson, discussion on number of animal units and how to proceed-conditional use. Natasha will be put on the Planning and Zoning meeting agenda.
9. Cal Jensen, 7071 Coon Rock Rd., discussion of rezoning three lots. Cal and Mabel Schofield will be put on Planning and Zoning meeting agenda.
10. Board of Review will be August 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Open book will be held July 10-14.
11. Security Cameras. Inmar Nelson will be meeting with Eric June 6.
12. Humane Society Contract. Discussion. Need further discussion, will be on next meeting agenda.
13. Liquor License Review/Approval-All returned applications were reviewed and approved. Motion by Gauger; Joo seconded. Motion carried.
14. Review Bills and bank accounts. Gauger motions to approve as presented. Joo seconded.
15. Public Comment. 86 pickup loads brought to Clean Sweep.
16. Adjournment 9:38. Gauger motioned to adjourn; Joo seconded.

Submitted June 5, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Eric Henning, Mabel Schofield, Tim Harrington, Steve Harrington, Joe Bailie, Julie Flint, Janna Johnson.

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 7:00 pm
2. Roll call taken. All board members present.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Joo seconded. Motion carried.
4. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA Facebook
5. Joo motioned to approve both the June 5, 2023 minutes and the June 26, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
6. Patrolman report moved to #14.
7. Delta 3 (Joe Bailie) for V & V Supremo, 6415 CTH H, Joo motioned to approve a rezone to AB with a conditional use of operating as a cheese facility contingent on the purchase of the additional land, the CSM being filed and that the additional fee for the conditional use permit is paid. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
8. Janna Johnson, 6768 Demby Rd., rezone 6 acres to AR-1 excluding Lot 1, motion by Joo to rezone 6 acres to AR-1 excluding Lot 1 and to approve the CSM presented. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
9. Mabel Schofield, 7071 Coon Rock Rd., motion by Gauger to rezone the 15 acres to AR-1 and land division of 5 acres with the condition there is no residential building with that 5 acres to approve, seconded by Joo. Motion carried.
10. Natasha Peterson, 6270 Coon Rock Rd., Joo motions to approve the conditional use regarding animal units to 8; as the additional animal units expire, it goes back to 5 animal units, seconded by Gauger. Motion carried.
11. Harrington Bros., 6932 E. Sawle Rd., motion by Joo to rezone to AR-1 on the CSM of approximately 1.4 acres, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
12. Steve Harrington/Arena Historians, the Old Arena sign on River Road. Harrington presented a copy of the sign to the Board. Discussion on placement.
13. Humane Society contract, Joo motion to consider the contract contingent on clarification of the fees and costs listed. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

14. Patrolman Henning reported the chipper needs a new carburetor. Board advised the Clerk to increase the credit card limit to \$1,000 for the purchase of the new carburetor; new culverts on Mellum Rd.; 9 road signs have been stolen-replacing those.
15. Bills and bank accounts were reviewed. Gauger motion to move \$80,000.00 from the auxiliary account to the operating account. Lucey seconded. Motion carried.
16. Public Comment.
  - a. New carpeting for the office. Lucey motion to get the carpet tiles and the town employees will lay it. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Lines painted on the blacktopped lot, Gauger motion to have the line painting completed. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Gauger
17. Adjournment 9:32. Gauger motioned to adjourn; Joo seconded.

Submitted July 12, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

August 7, 2023

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Eric Henning, Loren Glasbrenner-RV District Administrator

Meeting called to order by Gauger at 7:04 pm

1. Roll call taken. David Lucey absent.
2. Joo motions to approve the current agenda, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
3. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA FB.
4. Joo motioned to approve the previous month's minutes and that agenda was not posted on the Facebook page. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
5. Patrolman report: Discussion on the salt shed, stolen road signs, and the posting of roads dealing with the County's repair of the bridge on CTH H/T.
6. Loren Glasbrenner, RV District Administrator providing the Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Overview and the results of the survey responses.
7. Humane Society contract, Joo reported the clarification of the fees and costs in the contract. The matter will be put on the next board meeting agenda.
8. Bills and bank accounts were reviewed. Joo motion to approve of the bills and accounts. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
9. Public Comment. Discussed the September board meeting which will be on Labor Day. The Town Board meeting has been changed to Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
10. Adjournment. Joo motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted August 10, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ARENA

## Town Board Minutes

### September 5, 2023

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Eric Henning, Janna Johnson, Heidi Bauer, Cody Dummer, Eric Lewis

Meeting called to order by Lucey at 7:04 pm

1. Roll call taken. All board members present.
2. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Joo seconded. Motion carried.
3. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA FB.
4. Gauger motioned to approve the previous month's minutes. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
5. Patrolman report: Discussion on the salt shed and repair, Lucey talked with L. Hooks on more bracing; and the stickers will only be put on the new signs as they go up. Another sign on Helena Road has been stolen.
6. Janna Johnson and neighbor Heidi Bauer-farm equipment and cars going too fast on Demby Road, State statute states unmarked roads have a speed limit of 55 mph. Discussion on Sheriff Dept. assistance and signs.
7. Eric Lewis, inquiring about ordinances as they pertain to electrical permits. He was provided with copies of our building ordinances.
8. Kyle Miklasz, 7571 US Hwy 14, Gauger motions a conditional use permit for a short-term rental of the barn/house and sunset any other conditional uses on the rest of the property. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
9. Brandon & Rachel Dilley, 7344 Demby Road, County clarified over 1 acre, Joo motion to change the zoning from R1 to AR-1 and conditional use for 1 animal unit.
10. Terry Ruchti-representing his client Nancy Morse, property at the corner of River Road and Helena Road. He has to go to the Planning & Zoning meeting to rezone the whole property as it's all 1 deed, to AR-1.
11. Board of Review. Nothing to discuss.
12. Humane Society contract. Joo signed it after clarifying the terms. It's a pay as you go plan. Lucey okayed the signing.
13. Bills and bank accounts were reviewed. Gauger motion to approve of the bills and accounts. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
14. Public Comment. None.
15. Adjournment. Gauger motioned to adjourn; Joo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted September 19, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ARENA**  
**Special Meeting of Town Board**  
**Minutes**  
September 13, 2023

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo  
Others Present: David Meudt, Eric Henning, Ingmar Nelson, Isaiah Nett

Meeting called to order by Lucey at 4:30 pm

1. Ingmar Nelson discussed the poly lining he uses in his business and would use on the salt shed. Isaiah Nett from Interstate provided his plan for the building. Everyone went to examine the damage and possible repairs to the salt shed.
2. Roll call vote to adjourn the meeting: Lucy, aye; Gauger, aye; Joo, aye.

Submitted September 19, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk.

# **TOWN OF ARENA**

## **Town Board Minutes**

### **October 2, 2023**

Town Board Members Present: David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Ralph Brownlee, Cole and Madeline Doyle, Terry Ruchti, Josh Aeschbach; Cheryl Heck, Wayne Schutte, John Wright, Ingmar Nelson, Mark Hottmann.

Follow up Planning & Zoning Meeting called to order by Hottmann at 6:29 pm

1. Roll call taken. Planning & Zoning members except David Andrews present. All board members present.
2. Ralph Brownlee, 6736 US Hwy 14, conditional use request to increase the number of outside storage units from 20 to 60. Members of Planning & Zoning Board and Town Board members met at the property to look over Brownlee's proposed placement of the outside storage units. He provided updated map information on the locations of the outside storage. He has a 30' setback with Alsum property. Heck motion for up to but not to exceed 60 units including any rental trailers and/or trucks of his own and to approve the conditional use of rentals of his own or U-Hauls as part of the 60 units. Schutte seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Wright, seconded by Heck to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.
4. Town Board called to order at 7:08.
5. Roll Call-David Lucey, Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger.
6. Joo motions to approve the current agenda, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
7. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA FB.
8. Joo motioned to approve the previous month's minutes. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Joo, change the agenda to add Ruchti as 7A. and moving Patrolman report later. Seconded by Gauger. Motion carried.
10. Ralph Brownlee, 6736 US Hwy 14, increase of outside storage numbers from 20 to 60 units and a conditional use for rentals, his own trailers/box truck or U-Hauls. Joo motions to allow up to 60 units of outside storage from the original conditional use of 20 units and adding a conditional use for box truck and trailer rentals, to be included in the 60 outdoor storage units number. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
11. Terry Ruchti, Morse property at River Road and Helena Road. Joo motion to rezone Nancy Morse's property of 30 acres from Ag1 to AR1. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
12. Cole Carley and Madeline Doyle, 7248 Morrill Road, Mazomanie-culvert across Morrill Road east of their driveway to lay irrigation pipe. Joo motion to approve for up to 18' culvert on Morrill Road, east of 7248 south of tract contingent on requesters paying for all supplies, installation and repairing the road back to current status. Requesters to be responsible for any road maintenance that arises such as but not limited to dips, and/or

washouts. Also contingent on requesters contacting the Fire/EMS. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

13. Josh Aeschbach, 6340 CTH K, Blue Mounds. Joo motion to approve the rezone of their property at 34 acres at 8627 Knight Hollow Road from A1 to AR-1. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
14. Bills and bank accounts were reviewed. Lucey motion to approve of the bills and accounts. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
15. Discussion on removal of three stop signs by a landowner. Gauger motion to charge the landowner \$200 per township property, \$600 total, in lieu of legal actions. Lucey seconded. Motion carried.
16. 2024 Budget.
17. Adjournment. Gauger motioned to adjourn; Joo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Submitted October 11, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ARENA**  
**Town Board Minutes**  
November 6, 2023 6:00 pm

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger. David Lucey not present.

Others Present: Shawn Keyser, Ingmar Nelson, Bailey Martinsen, Bernie Harrop, Tony Dougherty-Rural Mutual, Eric Henning

1. Called to order at 7:00.
2. Roll Call-Bill Gauger, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger. David Lucey not present.
3. Joo motions to approve the current agenda, Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
4. Verification of proper public notice: Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Website, TOA FB.
5. Joo motioned to approve the previous month's minutes. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
6. Patrolman Report-no Signs missing, Coon Rock Road issue on the edge of the new blacktop. Recycle dumpster, discussion on needing another one.
7. Tony Dougherty, Rural Mutual Insurance agent, discussion on the Town's policy.
8. Bailey Martinsen, rezoning of their 34.03 acres on Knight Hollow Road from A1 to AR1. Gauger motion to approve the rezone; Joo seconded. Motion carried.
9. Salt Shed-the DOT is satisfied with the repairs that have been done.
10. Discussion on the County Roads transfer proposal, CTH CC and HH.
11. Bills and bank accounts were reviewed. Joo motion to approve of the bills and accounts. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
12. Public Comment-Email from realtor on R. Davenport's property zoning.
13. Adjournment. Joo motioned to adjourn; Gauger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Submitted November 17, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ARENA**  
**Town Board Minutes**  
**December 18, 2023 6:00 pm**

Town Board Members Present: Bill Gauger, David Lucey, Andrea Joo, Minnie Gauger

Others Present: Thomas Skaife, Coz Skaife, Branden Mauger

1. Meeting called to order by Lucey at 6:30 pm
2. Roll call taken.
3. Gauger motions to approve the current agenda, Joo seconded.
4. Verification of proper public notice: TOA Website, Town Hall, Arena Post Office, TOA Facebook
5. Joo motions to approve meeting minutes from the prior town board meeting, Gauger seconded.
6. Tom & Coz Skaife, 5630 Blue Ridge Road, Branden Mauger, builder; building permit: Gauger motion to approve a permit at the new position; Joo seconded. Motion carried.
7. Patrolman Report-Eric provided a printout of a compactor they would like for patching. Asked them to bring it back next month. Board working on grants for roads-TRIP-when are road ratings done, every other year.
8. Discussion on County Roads CC & HH transfer from County-RAISE grant; need more information from the county.
9. Review of Bills & Bank accounts: Gauger motion to pay bills as provided; Joo seconded. Motion carried. Minnie Gauger discussed James Novak's reimbursement on an overpayment of his taxes. Joo motion to approve the payback of Mr. Novak's overpayment amount. B. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.
10. Public Comment: Discussion and motion by Lucey, seconded by Joo to give the employees (David, Eric & Mark) a Christmas gift, Joo seconded. Motion carried. IC Humane Society sent new contract-it is not necessary to take care of cats. New contract is worded for just dogs. Signed and mailed. Discussion on loose animals and unpaid licenses-doing an ordinance some towns have. Fire Board-paid employees need W2s-the Town has done them in the past. Will now be using a different method on providing the W2s. Gauger motion the township takes over the W2s by adding the Fire Board Secretary/Chair and Fire Chief on the Township's payroll system, ADP, and the Fire Board will reimburse the Township. Joo seconded. Motion carried.
11. Motion to adjourn by Gauger; Joo seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Submitted December 26, 2023 by Cheryl Schmidt, Town Clerk.