

Dennis Gehlke, Supervisor
Tyler Grosskreutz, Supervisor

Larry Shupe, Chairman
Karmen Bouma, Treasurer

Town of Arpin
Wood County
Shelly Grimm, Clerk
Arpin, Wisconsin 54410
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Special meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Shupe at 6:30 p.m.
opening with the Pledge of Allegiance
All board members were present along with 29 residents and one tax
payer.

Public Comment was held residents were able to discuss and ask
questions to the Ordinance and Zoning Committee

According to *American Farm Bureau Federation* ¹ : “one US Farm feeds
166 people annually ...”

According to *USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture* ²: “the average size of
farms in Wood County is 208 acres”

Scout has said they want 1200 acres from the Arpin area alone.

That’s approximately 6 farms.

166 people fed per farm

X 6 farms in Arpin

996 unfed people annually in just the Arpin area

Add to this the acres being removed in neighboring townships: Sherry,
Saratoga, etc.

Where will our food come from?

There was an article in Newsweek³ recently that talked about recycling
trash into protein.

And for years, we’ve been told we should be eating grasshoppers instead
of beef. Here’s an article from TIME. ⁴

SOURCES

¹ <https://www.fb.org/newsroom/fast-facts>

² https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AqCensus/2017/Online_Resources/County_Profiles/Wisconsin/cp55141.pdf

³ <https://www.newsweek.com/generator-turns-plastic-trash-edible-protein-1612618>

⁴ <https://time.com/5942290/eat-insects-save-planet/>

Something else to think about:

If Farmer A “rents” their land to Scout, and intend to keep farming by renting other acres – Farmer A will have the financial resources to start a bidding war and *take* rented farm acres away from Farmer B, Farmer C and Farmer D who rely on those acres to support their farming operation.

More discussion about PILT, the numbers looking good on paper but what will it be in the future will it stay the same or change, multiple discussions were followed of the unknown, needing to get more educated

Residents recommended to sign the Engagement letter with Jarchow law Office

Engagement letter from Jarchow Law Office LLC regarding Wind and Solar to proceed with ordinances: MOTION (Grosskreutz, Shupe) that we accept the engagement letter from Jarchow Law Office LLC in regards to the Wind and Solar Ordinance. Carried 3-0

Sewer Lateral for Fire Department/ Village Estimate: Village televised the sewer they found a line faulty leading to the Fire department the lateral will need to be fixed. MOTION (Grosskreutz, Shupe) that we pay the \$5640. to Steves Plumbing and Repair for the town portion. Carried 3-0

Adjournment: MOTION (Gehrke, Grosskreutz) to adjourn the special meeting. Carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelly Grimm
Town Clerk 8/29/2023