

April 20, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 3:00 p.m. Supervisors Mike Christensen and Ginger Schwanebeck were present. Also present Clerk Nancy Edwards. Treasurer Dave Peterman was absent as he was out of state.

Others present, Eric Johnson from FYI News, Tom Nimsgern from the Lakeland Times, Ty Warner, Field Engineer for Indian Health Service.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mike Christensen, and seconded by Ginger Schwanebeck to approve the agenda. The motion was carried.

Motion by Mike Christensen, and seconded by Ginger Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 43869 - 43891 from the Citizens Bank General Fund account, 43697 from the River Valley General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The board reviewed the Treasurer's report as submitted by Mr. Peterman by email. Mr. Gaulke reported the reconciled balance as of March 31, 2011 of the General Fund as \$710,613.88 and the reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as \$489,244.47. The 4/18/2011 unreconciled balance of the General Fund as \$772,339.65, and the unreconciled balance of the Ambulance fund as \$494,822.84. Motion by Ginger Schwanebeck and seconded by Mike Christensen to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Temporary Road Construction Easement Indian Village Rd. Ty Warner, Field Engineer from Indian Health Services explained that they have plans for a directional bore for a utility (water line) placement that will be done along Indian Village Road from the water tower past the bridge to the northeast entrance of Old Indian Village Road and are looking for a temporary road construction easement from the town. Motion by Mike Christensen seconded by Ginger Schwanebeck to allow the construction easement as proposed.

Mr. Warner stated that the road will not be closed during construction and they will do everything possible to minimize the impact of the traffic to the entire area. Contractors are aware of the weekly walk that is planned for the area and will take precautions to make sure the worksite is safe.

The town has listed in the agreement that the road will be inspected after the project for any damage. The contractor would be responsible for any damages. Mr. Warner stated that A-1 will also be taking a video of the road before and after the project is completed. Mr. Christensen commented that they should take note that the road was just newly line painted. A copy of the signed resolution 2011-01 will be emailed to Ty.

Airport update discussion: Mr. Christensen would like to bring up for discussion only the concern regarding the finance changes that may take effect on the state level that could impact the town. We might need to lighten our budget as far as the airport and other areas are concerned. Ginger Schwanebeck asked if John Schmitz looked into what cuts the airport might be expecting on the state level. Mike commented that he did not think he investigated that, he was working on the gas products and is ordering from Ritchie Oil to supply the airport equipment. Ginger stated she thinks we should wait and see what is dealt out to us and at that time we may need to re-negotiate our contract. Mr. Gaulke stated that the airport may need to start using some of their holdings to help offset and subsidize their costs. Mike was wondering if a consultation with an outside attorney to get an objective opinion would be a good idea, and something to consider. The board agreed it is a good thing to start thinking about changes that may need to take place, but until we know for sure what is going to happen with the shared revenues we cannot make any decisions at this time.

A motion was made by Mike Christensen and seconded by Ginger Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk