

September 21, 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 Mrs. Schwanebeck were present. Also present Treasurer Dave Peterman and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

Others present, Eric Johnson from FYI News.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Christensen, and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 44266 -44306 from the General Fund account, 5058 from the Tax account. Mr. Gaulke abstained to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterman reported financial status as follows: The September report will be easier to follow now that some of the accounts have been closed. \$30,000 was transferred from the River Valley Tax account and put into the checking account at Citizen's Bank. \$25,000 was transferred from the Citizens Bank Tax Checking account into the Citizens Bank General checking account. No other major transactions to report other than the normal disbursements and deposits. The unreconciled balance of the General Fund Account as of 9/21/2011 is \$871,825.05 and \$498,975.63 in the Ambulance Fund Account. Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. The motion carried.

Emergency Standby Request: The board received a request from the Lac du Flambeau Grade School for Ambulance Stand-by for the 3 scheduled football games. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Christenson to approve the request and waive the fees associated with the request. Motion carried.

Airport Public Hearing/Airport Meeting: Brief discussion took place regarding the upcoming Public Hearing in the matter of State and Federal Aid for improvements at the Lakeland Airport. The public hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2011. Mr. Christenson brought up several items that were on the list of potential improvement projects, i.e. back-up generator system, storage/maintenance building, fencing and security cameras. He believes these items seem to be overspending and not

really necessary. Mr. Christensen does feel that the seal-coat/crack seal are probably a good idea for safety reasons and to keep them in proper repair.

Mr. Christensen, as LdF Airport Commissioner, will participate in the hearing. Mrs. Schwanebeck and Mr. Gaulke are planning to attend as audience members. The regular airport meeting is scheduled immediately following the public hearing.

Donation to Lakes Committee: A check in the amount of \$5498.96 has been donated to the Town from the now defunct Lakeland Environmental Protection Association. Mr. Ken Osinga, representing the group, asked that the funds be used for Town Lakes Committee activities. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to graciously accept the donation and honor the request to use the funds for the Town Lakes Committee, with associated expenditures to be made via normal town budget processes and approved by the Town Board. . Seconded by Mr. Christenson. Motion carried.

Vilas County Board-Tribal Concerns Committee Meeting: The next Vilas County Board-Tribal Concerns Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011 at the Vilas County Highway Department Office. One of the agenda items is the problem with truck traffic on County D in downtown LdF., especially in the area of the new tribal police building. Chairman Gaulke explained the several possible solutions that are being considered. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Gaulke to advise the committee that the town would prefer the removal of the parking spaces by the police station and library and strongly recommends this option as the most cost effective. Motion carried. Supervisor Christensen will attend the meeting to convey the town's preference.

Road Certification Packet: Mr. Gaulke received the DOT Local Road Certification packet for the Town of Lac du Flambeau. This year the certification covers 142.13 miles of town road. Chairman Gaulke will complete the annual road construction forms to be sent in, and will also ask the DOT about a short stretch of Indian Village Road which passes into the Town of Sherman . We maintain the road but Town of Sherman received the highway aids. No further action necessary.

Bartenders Licenses: The board reviewed for approval the bartender license application for Shawnee M. Chapman. Motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve issuance of the license. Motion carried.

Closed Session – Attorney Retainer Agreement: Motion by Chairman Gaulke to go into closed session, pursuant to 19.85(g) Wis. Stat. “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved” to discuss retainer agreement. Second by Mrs. Schwanebeck.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Schwanebeck –aye, Mr. Christensen-aye, Chairman Gaulke-aye. Motion carried. Closed session convened at 3:15 pm.

Motion by Chairman Gaulke to reconvene into open session, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck. Roll call vote: Mrs. Schwanebeck-aye, Mr. Christensen-aye, Chairman Gaulke-aye. Motion carried. Open session reconvened at 3:20 pm. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to sign the attorney retainer agreement and send the retainer fee as requested. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk