

March 21, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting

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

Others present, Eric Johnson from FYI News, Candace Maulson and Robert Smith.

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 carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen, and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 44732 - 44818 from the General Fund account, 1490-1492 from the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterman emailed his report on the financial status as follows: Town General Fund as of 2/29/2012 reconciled balance is \$881,347.08 and the Ambulance Fund 2/29/2012 reconciled balance is \$537,022.01. Peterman reported that a transfer of \$350,000.00 from the Citizens Tax Account to the Citizens checking account was done. Another transfer of \$250,000.00 from the Citizens checking account to the M&I Money Market account was then done to get a higher interest rate. Tax collection is 99.9% completed. Our share of the taxes collected is \$463,786.64 with just a few minor items to be completed. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Christensen to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ELECTION WORKERS COMPENSATION: Mr. Gaulke recommended that the compensation for the election workers be increased to be comparable with other town in the area. Chief Inspectors compensation would be increased to \$10.00 from the previous \$7.50 compensation. Other election workers compensation would be increased to \$9.00 from the previous \$7.00 compensation. The Town will provide lunch on election days. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the election workers compensation as stated. Motion carried with Mrs. Schwanebeck abstaining to avoid any conflict of interest.

EAGLE WASTE & RECYCLING CONTRACT: Eagle Waste sent us a monthly contract which was requested by our insurance company and it was based on the previous proposal. Also included is a copy of their certificate of Insurance. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried.

WIS DOT LAND PURCHASE FOR RIGHT OF WAY-HWY 47 PROJECT: The plan is to widen the road and they will be taking out our current parking area. In the original discussions they stated they were going to replace the parking area and it will have access at both sides. The trees will remain in place. They are proposing a payment of \$5900.00. Mr. Gaulke stated that he did talk to Cooper engineering and Dennis Brock and they did state that they would be replacing the parking area but in the agreement it has a section for engineer's comments and it says nothing. Mr. Gaulke will contact them and have them amend the contract before we sign the agreement. The other agreement for \$100.00 is for a very small piece of right of way on North Fence Lake Road which is for a vision triangle. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the agreements but not to sign the agreement until it is amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Christensen. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON MINING: Mr. Christensen said he wants to follow up on what Vilas County's mining code is and if there are any mining discussions going on. He is totally against mining of any kind. There has been a lot of discussion lately with other towns on mining issues. Mrs. Schwanebeck asked Mr. Christensen if that includes gravel pits. Mr. Christensen stated he is against mining of any sort. Mrs. Schwanebeck stated that our ordinance has to be at least as strict as Vilas County's. They asked Sue Ackland to describe our zoning ordinance in regards to mining issues. Sue stated that gravel pits are allowed in industrial and all purpose. Sue stated we really do not have a mining ordinance. This was a subject a long time ago and the board decided not to pursue as there was enough protection with just being zoned industrial in our ordinance. We have 3 industrial areas. In order for any changes to take place the area would have to be re-zoned. This wouldn't happen so any changes would be highly unlikely. Mr. Christensen will follow up with Vilas Counties Code and let the board know of any new information.

BARTENDERS LICENSES: The board reviewed for approval bartender's license applications for Bruce W. Quinn, Michelle C. Blanco, Amber J. Chapman, Owens J. Mares, Audrey E. Jackson, Angel A. Johnson, Michael W. Fink, Debra E. Devine, Samuel L. Snoddy, Crystal M. King, Candace Maulson, Darrell D. Hagamon, Sharon D. Begrow. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve application from Bruce W. Quinn, Michelle C. Blanco, Amber J. Chapman, Owens J. Mares, Audrey E. Jackson, Angel A. Johnson, Michael W. Fink,

Debra E. Devine, Samuel L. Snoddy, Crystal M. King. Application from Darrel D. Hagamon will be tabled until the first meeting in May. Applications from Candace Maulson and Sharon D. Begrow denied. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk