

April 4, 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, Jim Schwanebeck and Zoning Administrator Sue Ackland.

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 44819 – 44844 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterman emailed his report on the financial status as follows: Town General Fund as of 3/30/2012 reconciled balance is \$819,951.50 and the Ambulance Fund 3/30/2012 reconciled balance is \$545,247.44. Peterman reported that there were no significant activities in March. We did have 6 NSF checks from Tax Collection time with a charge of \$60.00 from the bank; however, we have collected that from the check owners. In April we received our quarterly DOT aid of \$75,222.30. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Christensen to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Crack Sealing Contract:** Mr. Gaulke presented to the board for approval a Crack Sealing Contract with Pitlik and Wick not to exceed \$25,000.00 for work on various town roads. Mr. Gaulke stated this should pretty much take care of what's left to be done. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the contract with Mr. Gaulke abstaining to avoid any conflict of interest as it involves his employer. Motion carried. Nancy will see that the notice is properly noticed.

**Zoning Statistics:** Zoning administrator Sue Ackland presented to the board the 2011 zoning statistics. She stated as bad as the economy is, permits are still getting better than a couple of years ago. We had 14 new homes in 2011 compared to 12 in 2010. We had 167 permits in 2011 compared to 154 in 2010. It has been a quite winter but this spring phone calls and questions from folks planning projects are coming in. The size of additions and expansions are less than what they used to be in our really busy years in the mid 2000's. People seem to be more frugal and careful

in how they spend their money. Contractors are stating more people are trying to do things by themselves.

**Resolutions to amend Lac du Flambeau Zoning Maps:** Sue Ackland presented to the board 2 resolutions to amend the Lac du Flambeau Zoning Maps. These resolutions are needed so that the Vilas County mapping department can amend the maps. Resolution 2012-01 pertains to an application from Paul Lopez to rezone a parcel of land in Section 23, Township 40N, Range 5 East, from Forestry to Single Family residential. Resolution 2012-02 pertains to an application from Albert Lampo to rezone a parcel of land in Section 29, Township 40N, Range 4 East, from forestry to recreation classification. Motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the resolutions as presented. Motion carried. Sue will forward a copy to Vilas County Mapping Department.

**Finalize 2011 budget: Transfer of Funds:** Clerk Nancy Edwards suggested to the board that in preparing the final budget and expenses for the upcoming Annual Town meeting a transfer of funds of \$3000.00 from the budget category Winter Vehicle repair. Of the \$3000.00, \$1500.00 would be placed in the Road Construction budget category and \$1500.00 would be placed in the Transfer Station wage category. After review from the board a motion was made by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to transfer the budget funds as stated above. Motion carried.

**Emergency Siren:** Discussion was held on the need for an emergency siren policy for the Town of Lac du Flambeau. Other towns in the area have published a policy for their residents and it is felt that it would also be good to do the same. The siren is located at the Firehouse Station #1 located at 614 Wild Rice Ave. Correspondence was received from Lt. Peske in Vilas County asking the board in what situations should the siren be activated by Vilas County. The board decided activation should take place for tornado warnings and tornado watches. Our system will also be programmed to have a monthly test of the equipment which will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month (April through October) at 9:00 a.m. Fire Chief Wagner is currently testing the equipment along with Northway communication to make sure it is in good working order. Currently during testing a curfew siren is being activated, however it has been decided by the board to eliminate the curfew siren which during testing is going off at 10:00 p.m. We have received several complaints that it is disturbing. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to have Vilas County activate the emergency siren when word is received of a tornado watch or warning in the area. Motion carried. A siren policy notice will be published and posted.

**BARTENDERS LICENSES:** The board reviewed for approval bartender's license applications for Dominic J. Grill, Ryan T. Sloan. Motion

by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the two bartender's licenses as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk