

October 3, 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, Mike Christensen, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present, Brian Jopek from the Lakeland Times, Eric Johnson from FYI, Scot Balsavich from Cooper Engineering, Jim Volkmann from Wis. Dept. of Transportation.

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 45279-45311 from the General Fund account. Motion carried, with Mr. Gaulke abstaining due to one of the checks is for his employer.

Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Irene Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General account as of 9/30/2012 as \$756,849.77 and reconciled balance of the Ambulance fund account as of 9/30/2012 as \$598,959.75. The disbursement figure was high due to a large bill paid for road construction. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Hwy 47 project:** An update from Scott Balsavich from Cooper Engineering and Jim Volkmann from Wis. Department of Transportation was presented to the Town Board per the board's request on the Hwy 47 project and the plans for the area in front of the Town Hall. Mr. Volkmann explained that the planning for this project began in 2006 with meetings held at the Town Hall and the Tribal Center. The current plan is for curb and gutter and sidewalk from Little Pines to D, and D to Thorofare Rd. This would be a 36 ft. surface, consisting of a 12 foot driving lane, 6-8 feet before the curb and gutter and then a 6 ½ foot sidewalk. From Hwy D. to Thorofare curb, gutter and sidewalk will be on the right side of the road only. There will be street lighting from Little Pines to Thorofare. The lighting will be on both sides of road from Little Pines to D and the lighting will be on one side from D to Thorofare. Approximate number of lights from Little Pines to Thorofare is 37. The sidewalk size is above the 5 ½ foot standard. Regarding a question about pedestrian safety on sidewalks. Mr. Volkmann stated pedestrian's on sidewalks is what we want to have in the transportation industry. It is mandatory in an urban setting to

accommodate both pedestrians and bicycles. The curb and gutter provides a good barrier for safety for the pedestrians. Pedestrians' walking across driveways is a common occurrence. We would most likely further enhance this by putting in radius curves by the driveways. The plans do meet standards.

The parking area will work well as what happens is cars pull in the driveway by the pine trees and parking will be on this side of the sidewalk. The DOT will be funding this. A question regarding maintenance of the sidewalk was brought up. The tribal department has an agreement to maintain this. The Town is agreeable to maintaining the area in front of the Town Hall. A vision triangle is needed at North Fence Lake Rd. The board has asked the DOT engineers to go outside and explain the project as it will appear. Mr. Volkman stated that the project will probably begin in June 2013. One side of the road will be done at a time and does not anticipate any road closure. Mr. Gaulke does not see any problems with the plan. It is workable. Scott Balsavich stated the outstanding permits are needed and Mr. Gaulke is waiting on the engineer's construction notes, (construction form) from Dennis. Jim from DOT will follow up on getting them to Mr. Gaulke. As far as lighting, Emerson Coy is still waiting on lighting costs from WPS. The speed limit will be 55 MPH to Thorofare, 35 MPH from Thorofare to Waswagon then 25 MPH thru town.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve Mr. Gaulke signing off on the project once he receives the final documents from Dennis on what the DOT is paying for and what we would be responsible for. Mr. Christensen abstaining due to his environmental views. Motion seconded by Mr. Gaulke. Motion carried. The board thanked the DOT for coming in today to explain the project to us.

**BARTENDERS LICENSES Application** was received from Julie A. Singer. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the application as presented. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:37p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk