

## March 20, 2013 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: Eric Johnson from FYI, Brian Jopek from Lakeland Times, Jim Sommerfeldt, Darwin Lohse.

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 Mrs. Schwanebeck, and seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve voucher numbers 45717-45757 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Un-reconciled balance of the General fund as of 3/15/2013 as \$766,694.82. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 3/15/2013 as \$647,940.69. No other activity was noted. Mrs. Messinger mentioned that due to government spending cutbacks our PILT amount received will be 5.1% lower in 2013. Motion by Mr. Christensen seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Transfer of funds to finalize 2012 budget:** Clerk Nancy Edwards asked the board if they would consider moving \$4000.00 from the 2012 legal services budget line to the 2012 cemetery budget line. The legal expenses were down in 2012 and the cemetery expenses were up due to a survey that was done. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to move \$4000 from the legal services 2012 budget line to the 2012 cemetery budget line. Motion seconded by Mr. Christensen. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Standby request:** A request was received from the Lake of the Torches Casino for ambulance standby coverage for the upcoming King of the Cage event to be held 4/13/13. Proper application was received and the fee will be paid by event time. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the request. Motion carried.

**ATV issues-Jim Sommerfeldt:** Jim Sommerfeldt asked to be on the agenda to discuss issues of safety of having ATV's on Pokegama Lake Trail, referring to the resolution proposed by Vilas County to authorize use of 7/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile of County D from the intersection of Pokegama Lake Trail traveling southwest to the intersection of Overland Lane. He believes

the speed limits should be reduced if this were to happen as there are many dangerous curves down that road. Darwin Lohse from the Lakeland ATV Club was present to answer any concerns Mr. Sommerfeldt might have. Mr. Lohse explained that anyone born after 1988 needs a certification of training and the ATV's are required to have a license posted on their ATV for identification. Signage will be done by the ATV club for areas where they see a problem could arise. The county is currently waiting on how our advisory referendum on the April 2 ballot turns out. Mr. Lohse explained at signage is the key here. Any route going within 100 ft. of a home would have a 10 mph sign posted. Mr. Lohse has a letter from Sheriff Frank Tomlanovich supporting that section to be used. The speed limit is 35 mph. The law enforcement falls under the LDF Tribal police and the Vilas County Sheriff's department. He felt due to the reduced speed it would pose no particular safety issues. Opening this trail as proposed would have a positive effect on recreational activities and a fiscal impact on business in the area. Mr. Lohse shared other information for support of ATV issues from the Minocqua Police Department who reported zero complaints. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any more questions. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk