

## June 19, 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, Bryan Hoover, Treasurer Irene Messinger, and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Eric Johnson from FYI, Brian Jopek from the Lakeland Times, Jim Sommerfeldt, Damon Fleming, Michael Murphy, Dan Two Crow, Anne Anderson from Access Engineering, Phillip Chapman, Larry Wawronowicz, Raelle Allen, Joni Theobald, Tom Wegner.

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

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve voucher numbers 45977-46012 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013 regular Town Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Unreconciled balance of the General fund as of 06/14/2013 as \$666,428.95. Unreconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 06/14/2013 as \$674,585.50. The transfer station fees have picked up in the past few weeks. No other business is noted. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Hatchery Contract.** Larry Wawronowicz presented to the board the hatchery contract for 2013 for approval. Mr. Wawronowicz stated that 36,250 1-1/2 to 2 inch walleye fingerlings were purchased for the sum of \$15,000.00. Lakes to be stocked are Sugarbush Chain (10,000), White Sand (5,000), Pokegama (5,000), Flambeau (5,000), Stearns (3,125), Big Crawling Stone (5,000), and Fence Lake (3,125). Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the hatchery contract as presented. Motion carried.

**Broadband Internet Coverage in LDF:** Mr. Sommerfeldt spoke regarding the need in the area for broadband internet coverage. He would like a survey put in the next tax letter. He would also like to form a committee to work on the issue. The town received a letter from the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation regarding a project they are working on with the LDF Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians for a feasibility study for the potential introduction and development of an independent provider of internet service at an affordable true high speed service for businesses and underserved residents. Anne Anderson from Access Engineering gave a quick update to the project. There is also a group of students from the tribal education department working with the

firm and gave a quick presentation. Bruce Rowell owner of Access Engineering would like to make a presentation to the board and Mr. Gaulke stated that we would schedule that with Mr. Rowell at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Gaulke stated he would like to see what the Tribe in proposing before forming any committees or surveys.

**Public Comment as agenda item:** Mr. Sommerfeldt has suggested that the Town Board meetings have a permanent agenda item for public comment. After discussion Mrs. Schwanebeck felt that such an agenda item could possibly violate the open meeting law. . Mr. Hoover feels that putting public comments on the agenda would benefit the public. Mr. Gaulke stated that the agenda is set by the Chairman and he is not in favor of a public comment agenda item. Residents are always free to contact him or the clerk to get on the agenda if the need arises. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to recommend that the Chairman does not include a public comment period as a regular agenda item. Mr. Gaulke seconded. Discussion: Mr. Hoover explained why he is in favor of the public comment period. Motion vote: Mrs. Schwanebeck aye, Mr. Gaulke aye. Mr. Hoover opposed. Motion carried.

**Liquor License Applications:** The liquor applications for the 2013-2014 licensing period were reviewed for approval. These applications were also presented to the Joint Town and Liquor committee for approval. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve all licenses as included on the attached list, and to approve the one day beer permit for the American Legion Auxiliary to sell beer on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Motion carried. The attached list is hereby made a permanent part of the official meeting minutes. We currently have 1 BLB License available.

**Bartenders License Applications:** Bartender applications were received from Michael Fink, Bruce Quinn, Jacqueline Tomasello, Harvey Vitha, Samuel Snoddy, Angel Johnson, Tyler Chapman, Mary Mitchell, June LaBarge, Wallace Soulier, Mona Wolfe, Silvia Hilgart, Diane L. Williams, Joleen Cross, Debra Devine, Dana Allen, Audrey Jackson, Darrell Hagamon.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve all the applications with the exception of Audrey Jackson's application as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk