

July 10, 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, Kay Hoff, Tom Wegner, Tom Ketchum, representative from Pitlik and Wick, representative from Northeast Asphalt Inc.

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 46013-46042 from the General Fund account, and vouchers 1545-1546 from the Ambulance Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 regular Town Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 06/30/2013 as \$626,076.49. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 06/30/2013 as \$678,865.65. The transfer station fees received the past week was very large due to the holiday and many residents cleaning up. \$100,000.00 was transferred from the Tax Money Market Account to the General checking account at Citizen's Bank. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. 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 7/27/13. Proper application, fee, and certificate of Insurance have been received. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the request. Motion carried.

VF Lincoln Benefit policy funds: Tom Ketchum from The Horton Group, Inc. explained to the board the options available to the VF Lincoln Benefit regarding the LBL Bailout option. Brief History for the service award program. Program was created in 2001 for volunteer fire departments. Lac du Flambeau was one of the first to enter the program. The town board is responsible for the program. When account opened in 2001 it was decided that 50% of the funds would go into a safe interest bearing account and 50% of the funds would go into a fund based on S&P index 500. In the Savers index we have a cap on the amount of interest we can earn at 3.25%. LBL now states that cap has dropped to 3%. We do have

a bailout option on these funds which means we could pull out our funds without penalty. The problem being that there is not any other good interest options out there. Most of the fund holders are just leaving in the current fund because of that reason. After brief discussion motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to keep the funds in their current fund accounts. Motion carried.

Addressing/Fire Sign replacements: Clerk Nancy Edwards asked the board how they want to handle the replacement of fire/address signs that were originally installed and have been damaged, lost or stolen. The ordinance states that the town is responsible for the signs being in place. The original signs were paid for from the ambulance fund at no cost to the taxpayers. This was decided because the signs are for fire/ambulance ease in locating addresses. One sign costs approximately \$25.00. The idea was brought up if we could keep a list of the requested duplicate signs requested. This can easily be done as there have not been many. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to replace the first sign at the expense of the ambulance fund and if an additional sign is needed it would be billed to the resident at cost. Motion carried.

Road Construction Bids: West Squaw Lake Rd. Two bids were received for the W. Squaw Lake Rd. construction project along with a performance letter attached stating their previous work experience with other local governmental entities. Mr. Gaulke excused himself from the room to avoid any conflict of interest as one of the bidders is his employer. Chair handed over to Mrs. Schwanebeck. Bids were received from Northeast Asphalt Inc. for \$204,562.50, and Pitlik and Wick for \$173,207.30. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the low bid by Pitlik and Wick for \$173,207.30. Motion carried.

Bartenders License Applications: Bartender applications were received from Ryan Sloan, Joseph Albertini, Amber Chapman, Nancy Jenz, Denise Bernard, Leila Schuman, George Rus, Jr, Denise Scites. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve all the applications as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk