

## March 19, 2014 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, Jamie Taylor from the Lakeland Times, Darwin and Diane Lohse, Pete Jacobsen, Jim Schwanebeck, Kay and Mel Hoff.

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 46646-46674 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2014 Special Town Board meeting with a correction showing in the last motion. It should read Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN TO CONTACT THE assessor and Department of Revenue on issues that have been discussed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Un-reconciled balance of the General fund as of 03/15/2014 as 863,255.05. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 3/15/2014 as \$274,185.00. A CD in the Ambulance Fund was renewed for 9 months, interest rate of .50%. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Wis. DOT Highway 47 Right of Way: ATV-UTV Trail use:** Mr. Gaulke stated he received a letter from DOT originally sent to Vilas County Forestry, Lakeland ATV club, and the snowmobile club. The DOT has some criteria for the use of the railroad grade from Arbor Vitae (Mishonagon Creek) to LDF. The section along Hwy 47 from the creek to approximately Stearns Lake Road is DOT right of way. From there on it is tribal owned or an allotment. What the DOT is looking for is approval from the town for using the stretch that is the DOT right of way. There are 9 criteria items (see attached). Mr. Gaulke stated that he understands the ATV Club would do the signing. The MOU would be between the DOT and Vilas County Forestry. The Cross Country cruisers did get a letter signed by Mr. Maulson giving permission for the Cross Country Cruiser Snowmobile Club to use the trail RT17/Hwy 47 for ATV Use on tribal land. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. Mr. Hoover expressed his concerns regarding costs, maintenance, policing. The club has agreed to do the signing. The club also has suggested that they would prepare a MOU to the town for addressing these items. Mr. Gaulke stated he is not proposing the town take on these responsibilities. What the DOT is looking for is an approval it can be used as an ATV route. Mr. Hoover feels that the tribe should be involved in this request. Mr. Gaulke explained the section in question is the DOT right of way. Mr. Hoover also had concerns about the adjacent land

owners. Mr. Gaulke said most of the land is tribal land and the club already has their permission. Mr. Hoover stated not 100% and also referred back to the referendum done last year. Mr. Hoover stated he is not comfortable voting for us to move forward on this proposal and feels the general public does not support this. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck to put the necessary documentation together for the DOT request and provide what they need to get a permit for use of ATV's on the DOT right of way, after getting the MOU from the ATV club. Motion carried with Mr. Hoover voting no.

**Transfer Station Building and Gate Replacement:** The transfer station building needs to be replaced and enlarged. The current location is the best because of the traffic pattern and the location of the service panels. A septic and well would be needed for a restroom to be included. This could require special permits. Pete is ok with the current rental service he is using. They keep it clean and working. The gate also needs replacing. Pete got a quote from Steel Design of \$400.00. The gate should be ordered. Some of the signs by the entrance need to be updated and or removed.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:32. p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk