

## August 20, 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 news, Jamie Taylor from the Lakeland Times, Mary C. Laub.

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 47020-47066 from the General Fund account. Motion carried. Mr. Gaulke abstaining to avoid any conflict of interest as one of the checks is for his employer.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 Special Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Un-reconciled balance of the General fund as of 8/15/2014 as \$677,778.10. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 8/15/2014 as \$313,078.72. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Airport Intergovernmental Agreement:** Mr. Gaulke explained we previously had discussed this subject back in November 2013 and tabled it until the other towns involved along with the attorney had time to review and suggest updates and corrections that may be needed. All the suggestions and corrections have been considered in the amended agreement. At this time the other 3 towns have reviewed and approved the amended agreement. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> amended Airport Intergovernmental Agreement to establish and define the powers of the Lakeland Airport Commission. Motion carried.

**VFIS Ambulance Funds:** The board had addressed this item back in July and at that time Mr. Hoover wanted some time to review the material before making any decisions. After brief discussion motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to transfer all of the money in the Futurist Gold Fund to the new Mass Mutual Fund without penalty and with the Savers Index Fund maintain the fund but only contribute \$250.00 a year maximum in order to maintain the fund until such time when we can transfer without penalty. Motion Carried.

**Hunting on Town Land:** Mr. Gaulke stated he was approached by a resident asking if it was allowable to hunt on town owned land. Mr. Gaulke explained to her that there are no town ordinances in place and he was unaware of any state statutes that dealt with that and we should also check with our insurance carrier. She was referring to the town property out on E. Clear Lake Rd, 23 acres across from the Island City Dray gravel pit. The town does own other property the transfer station, 40 acres on Hwy F. and 10 acres on Grey Lake Lane. Attorney Harrold said there was nothing in the state

statues allowing or prohibiting hunting on town land. Chris Ketchum from Horton Insurance sent us an email stating she highly recommends not doing something of this nature. This was not an exposure the town should take on. Tom Ketchum later replied recreational liability protection may apply in this case. Mr. Gaulke is just not in favor of firing off guns on town land. Mrs. Schwanebeck is also not in favor of hunting on town land. She stated there is plenty of hunting land available such as managed forest crop, forest land, Chequamegon Forest. After discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Schwanebeck to establish a policy for all requests referring to hunting on town property that hunting is not allowed because of safety and liability issues and to have properly posted no hunting signs placed on the vacant town land. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoover. 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