

November 20, 2014

Annual Budget Hearing, Special Town Meeting,
Special Town Board Meeting

The Annual Budget Hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014 by Chairman Gaulke. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck and Bryan Hoover were present, as were Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

Others Present: Colette Welch, Brian Gauthier, Jim Sommerfeldt, Eric Johnson from FYI News and Jamie Taylor of the Lakeland Times.

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

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 Annual Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting of the electors. The motion was carried.

Chairman Gaulke presented the 2015 proposed budget. 2015 proposed budget showing revenue of \$1,173,021.00 with matching expenditures of \$1,173,021.00. The levy amount as \$727,228 with a mill rate of .80. Mr. Sommerfeldt asked about the mowing along the roads. Mr. Gaulke explained one road crew member was out on sick leave this fall and the road crew did the best they could on keeping up with the mowing but he was aware not everything was completed. He is hopeful next year with a full crew all mowing will be completed. Mrs. Welch asked about the budget item and figures relating to the Library line item. The library has not used the budget amount as of yet and what happens to that. Mr. Gaulke explained they will still be turning in bills and they usually do use the full budget amount. Mrs. Welch also asked if a line item such as the cemetery is over budget how is the overage handled. Mr. Gaulke explained that at the end of the year the budget is examined and overages can usually be taken from a different line item that was under budget and adjustments can be made. Mr. Sommerfeldt asked about a line item general fund. The general fund balance is shown on the treasurers report not the budget report. Mr. Gauthier asked about the 4th of July line item. He noticed the amount went up from

\$6500 to \$8000. Mr. Gaulke explained that the tribal committee had come to a previous budget meeting and asked if we could increase that amount and we were able to fit it into the new budget. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to close the budget hearing at 10:09 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke called the Special Town Meeting of the Electors to order at 10:10 a.m. immediately following the Annual Budget Hearing. Attendance for this meeting is the same as listed above for the budget hearing.

Motion by Mr. Sommerfeldt and seconded by Mrs. Welch to approve the town tax levy of \$727,228.00 pursuant to 60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gauthier seconded by Mrs. Welch to authorize the Town Board to dispose of surplus goods and/or property. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Welch seconded by Mr. Sommerfeldt to authorize the Town Board to borrow money up to \$500,000 if necessary. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Town to purchase property for possible future expansion of fire station. Mr. Gaulke explained we received a call from the county on a small piece of property located by the fire house. Tax parcel 010-880. The property is tax delinquent. The environmental assessment has also been sent to the board. Mr. Gauthier stated that the tribe is doing a phase II revitalization project in the same area and hopefully the town and tribe can work together to see that the best scenario is used for that area. At this point we are not even sure what this piece of property is being sold for. There is a possibility we could just pay the back taxes. We will have to negotiate with the county once we get the ok to purchase the property. Mr. Sommerfeldt made a motion that we should table this item until a plan is received from the fire chief. Mr. Gaulke explained that we probably would not have the option to wait on this purchase. The county would probably just put it up for sale. Mr. Gauthier made a suggestion that we should act on the purchase while it is available. It would be a wise investment. Mr. Sommerfeldt withdrew his motion for a lack of a second. Mr. Sommerfeldt was wondering if the lot should be surveyed. Mr. Gaulke stated it is such a small lot and it should be marked and a survey was done by the county when the road was redone. Motion

by Mrs. Welch seconded by Mr. Gauthier to authorize the town to purchase the property for possible future expansion of fire station. Motion carried with Mr. Sommerfeldt opposed. Motion by Mrs. Welch seconded by Mr. Sommerfeldt to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of the Electors at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke called the Special Town Board Meeting to order immediately following the Special Town Meeting of the Electors.

Attendance for this meeting is the same as listed above for the Annual Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors.

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

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve vouchers 47241-47328 of the General Fund and vouchers 1609-1610 from the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried with Mr. Gaulke abstaining as one of the checks is for his employer.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck, seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger reported on the financial status as follows. The unreconciled balance of the general fund as of 11/15/2014 \$733,821.83. The unreconciled balance of the ambulance fund as of 11/15/2014 as \$351,232.34. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk