

January 7, 2015 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: Leana Schlecht, Duane Chapman, Judy Wegner, Tom Wegner, Jaime Taylor from the Lakeland Times, and Eric Johnson from FYI News.

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 47412-47442 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 12/31/2014 as \$4,051,690.84. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 12/31/2014 as \$362,880.95. The treasurer has been very busy collecting taxes. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Standby request for Ambulance/snowmobile/rescue sled/pickup for snowmobile race event on January 10, 2015 and January 11, 2015. The current standby rate for services is \$125.00 per ambulance per hour and \$125.00 per hour for snowmobile/rescue sled/pickup per ordinance. 9 hours per day per vehicle at \$125.00 per hour would total \$4500. The coordinator of the event Todd Myers from Cor PowerSports has stated by letter he has never been charged more than \$250.00 per day for these services. They are looking for the board to reduce the rate for this event. It is brought to the community as a fun event and an event to bring tourism into the community. There is no charge for admission for the event and food and beverages are being sold by the casino. Other food vendors were denied. The casino is a sponsor of the event. Mrs. Schwanebeck is in favor of reducing the rate but not absorbing the entire costs. The board does not know how the other towns absorb the costs but feel that the costs should not be absorbed by tax payers. Mr. Wegner states he must pay the EMT/Fire personnel for the event and estimates that cost for 5 EMT/Fire personnel would alone be \$1900.00 not including the cost for equipment and fuel. Mr. Wegner stated he cannot absorb the entire cost in his budget. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to reduce the cost for the stand-by vehicles for the event to \$2000.00. Motion carried. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3.34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk