

March 4, 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 Bryan Hoover, Ginger Schwanebeck, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Eric Johnson from FYI News, Kay and Mel Hoff, Roberta Gast, Norm Wetzel, Michael Strasburg Lakeland Times, Pete Jacobsen, Harold

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.

Mr. Hoover asked if Mr. Wetzel would be able to speak his concerns regarding the minutes and the Bear River Plan update. Mr. Gaulke stated he spoke with Mr. Wetzel on these two items earlier. The Bear River Plan is not on the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Hoover and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 47506-47575 from the General Fund account, vouchers 1617-1620 from the Ambulance Fund, vouchers 5318-5322 from the First Merit Tax account, vouchers 5237-5238 from the River Valley Tax refund account. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 4, 2015 Town Board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Hoover had three corrections/amendments that he would like in the minutes before approval.

Correction 1. In the Bear River presentation it should be noted that Mr. Wetzel stated he would be happy to sit with the town attorney to go over the plan or have a study session with the chairman, town attorney and action team to go over the plan.

Correction 2. In the section for the request from the town lakes committee for a special workshop: when discussing where Mr. Gaulke would like meetings of the Town Lakes held: to delete the wording of alternate sites if needed could be the Fire Hall or the school. This was not actually stated in the meeting I believe it was in a discussion held after the meeting.

Correction 3. To add: the year-end Lake Stewardship program is held at the convention center due to the size of attendance.

With the amendments listed above motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the February 4, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

There was a discussion brought up by Mr. Wetzel that there should be a policy in place for the Lakes Committee regarding meeting places for meetings vs. workshops. Mr. Wetzel would like to put on his April agenda for the Lakes Committee to see if the committee feels this would be appropriate and if so he would have an action team draft a guide and present it to the board for approval. Chairman Gaulke stated that would be fine. When this is completed they can let the clerk and chairman know and it would be placed on a future agenda.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows:
Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 02/28//2015 as \$842,391.28.
Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 02/28/2015 as \$369,253.41.
The February settlement has been completed. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Transfer station recycling Procedures: Pete Jacobsen attendant at the transfer station came to the board with the request that because of the high cost of metal now Eagle Waste does not charge the town for the metal recycling and he would like to see the savings passed onto the customers (residents). He is seeking permission from the board to stop charging residents for items placed in the scrap metal container. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to eliminate the charge for metal items at the transfer station.
If the charges change from Eagle Waste Pete can inform the board and he can reinstate the charging procedure. Motion carried. Mrs. Schwanebeck would like to have Pete post some type of signage stating currently there is no charge for the metal box scrap.

Motion by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk