

April 1, 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, Roberta Gast, Norm Wetzel, Michael Strasburg Lakeland Times, Harold Jackson, Jim Sommerfeldt, Todd Rockwell, Chris Mayer, Ralph Kerler.

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 Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the amended minutes of the February 4, 2015 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 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 03/26/2015 as \$799,103.69. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 03/26/2015 as \$380,481.83. Transfer station receipts are starting to increase. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Year-end budget adjustments: Clerk Edwards asked for the board's approval to adjust several budget line items to prepare the budget for presentation for the upcoming Town Meeting. Request to move \$1000 from zoning expense line to Cemetery \$2000 from Lake Grant line to Cemetery \$13000 from road labor line to Contract plowing \$1600 from library line to \$1200 Legal line and \$400 to Health Ins. Line Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the line item adjustments. Motion carried.

Bear River Lake Management-WDNR Questions: Mr. Wetzel stated he really did not have any WDNR questions but has questions related to the WDNR. He has talked to the WDNR and they were asking where we were in the process of approval. Mr. Wetzel stated in his July and February meetings that the WDNR are primary partners and have a vested interest in the Bear River Project. They have supported the plan with \$12,000 in grant money that went directly for the Bear River project. The WDNR and Vilas County Water Conservation Department would like to know where we are in the process of approval. The Lakes Committee will be meeting soon with different lake associations and the committee would like to be able to give them a progress report on the plan. Mr. Wetzel would like some type of update.

Bear River Plan Chairman's Update: Attorney Harrold is about 1/3 done reading the plan. He stated he does have other obligations but is trying to get to it as he

has time. Mr. Gaulke is about 1/2 done. He does have items marked and thinks that once done there would probably be a need to have a meeting for questions, clarifications or items that he sees could be potential problems or conflicts. Mrs. Schwanebeck is done reading and has not yet finished compiling her notes. Mr. Wetzel wanted to know of an estimate timeline, April-May-June? Mr. Wetzel stated Mr. Gauthier as well as the team would be willing to meet with the attorney if needed. Mr. Hoover stated that he would also like to see a sit down with the team, board and attorney. He wanted to know if we knew the cost from the attorney for this review. Mr. Wetzel stated that the tribal attorney has completed his review and has sent it to the tribal council and it was very supportive. Mr. Mayer and Mr. Kerler spoke about the plan. Mr. Jackson also spoke on the plan and feels the plan is not complete. Mr. Wetzel did state that the WDNR is not putting on any pressure to approve the plan. Brian wanted to clarify that the document is not intended to contain the clean act water quality standards which is a different study. This plan is intended to focus on invasive species and aquatic plants within the Bear River watershed and to be a proactive plan if an incident arises. Mr. Gaulke stated the board will take the comments and suggestions, sort thru them get answers and clarifications and put this on a future agenda.

Thorofare Road speed limit: Mr. Hoover stated he has received calls from residents regarding the speed limit on Thorofare Road, particularly by the boat landing. The speed limit is posted at 55 mph. Mr. Hoover stated that there is an advisory 35 mph sign which is by Wildcat Lane from the south. Mr. Hoover would like to see how to proceed in lowering the 55 speed limit. Mr. Gaulke stated perhaps we could put up some new 35 mph advisory signs on the other side of E. Crawling Stone towards Hwy F and on the other side of Wildcat Lane towards Hwy 47 which would cover this area. Mr. Gaulke stated he has talked to Jared at the Vilas County Highway Dept. and he stated if you want to drop the speed limit and have it enforceable you need to have a traffic study done and ordinance. Mr. Gaulke is going to look into the rules more to see if the traffic study is needed or as a town board a set speed limit could be posted but we would need an ordinance. If we do put together an ordinance there would be fees, fines and forfeitures and Vilas County Sheriff's Department would be the enforceable agent. Mr. Gaulke will look into this further and put it on a future agenda.

Ambulance Standby request: A request was received from the Lake of the Torches Casino for ambulance standby coverage for the upcoming King of the Cage event to be held April 18, 2015. Proper application, fee and certificate of insurance have been received. The casino is requesting 2 ambulances be present from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the request. Motion carried.

Bartenders License Application: Bartender application was received from Catheryn T. St. Germaine. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.

Water Way Walk: Mr. Wetzel is extending an invitation to the board for a 10 mile water way walk to be held beginning with a potluck on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday May 9, 2015 beginning at sunrise a ceremony at the Bear River Pow Wow grounds and the walk itself beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The walk is around Lake Flambeau and Long Interlaken Lake. This walk is being held out of respect for the waters in Lac du Flambeau which has been blessed with some of the finest waters in the country. Mr. Gaulke has agreed to speak at the opening ceremony.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:52 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk