

April 22, 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 Chris Mayer, Ginger Schwanebeck, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Eric Johnson from FYI News, Kay and Mel Hoff, Roberta Gast, Michael Strasburg Lakeland Times, Bill Maki, Ron De Bruyne Jr., Ron De Bruyne, Teri Shaw, Tom Wegner, Anita Albaugh, Gavin Haley, Colette Chapman, Harold Jackson, Colette Welch, Dale Mayo, Glen Gauthier, Darwin and Diane Lohse, Jason Graveen, Dedie and Robert Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

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

Motion by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve voucher numbers 47576-47703 from the General Fund account, vouchers 1621-1624 from the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 1, 2015 Town Board meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 03/31/2015 as \$799,199.62. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 03/31/2015 as \$381,491.59. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Authorize bids for road construction: Mr. Gaulke reported he would like the board to authorize the chairman to obtain road construction bids for the 2015 road projects. Mr. Gaulke is looking to do E. Fence Lake Rd. from Hershey Lane to CTY F., and about 3 miles of chip seal which would be the third layer over the existing to upgrade. Mr. Gaulke would pick the 3 miles of chip seal that seem to be in the worse condition. Those two projects would probably total our budgeted amount. Mr. Gaulke stated for the last 20 years the town has stayed on a maintenance road program and it seems to be working good. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to authorize the chairman to obtain road construction bids for the 2015 road projects. Motion carried.

Designation of Financial Depositories: The treasurer reported the town currently is using First Merit Bank, BMO Harris Bank, Peoples State Bank and River Valley Bank. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the financial designations listed above as our financial depositories. Motion carried. If the treasurer should find a need for a change she can approach the board.

Designation of Notice of Publications: Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to designate the Lakeland Times as our official publication notice paper. Motion carried.

Refurbish CAT Loader: Mr. Gaulke stated we have a loader which is about 20 years old and it is getting rust and wear. It has approximately 6100 hours on it and it should go to about 20,000 hours with maintenance. The salt and sand take a toll on the machine. Mechanically it is in good shape. It should last 10-15 years with maintenance. Pete Kolzow road crew foreman received an estimate from CAT for \$13,000. A new machine of this type would cost approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. Mr. Gaulke stated with the shape it's in and the amount we use the machine he felt it was money well spent. The payment would come out of the new equipment budgeted line item. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the refurbishing of the loader. Motion carried.

Proposed ATV Routes: Mr. Gaulke stated we received a letter from the Lakeland ATV club requesting that some of the town roads to be opened up to be included in their route system. This would connect Woodruff, Fifield and Minocqua. There are some county roads on the proposed route which would need the counties approval. The proposed route is listed for the record:
The railroad Grade (trail #17) from the Lac du Flambeau;/Woodruff town Line to CTH F.

CTH F to the north to East Boundary to CTH H to Popes Lodge-Gresham Rd.

CTH F to the south to HWY 70

Florsheim Road from CTH F to Rockwood Dr. (Minocqua town Line)

Thoroughfare Road from CTH F to Moss Lake

Moss Lake to CTH D

CTH D North to Wild Rice to Peace Pipe back to CTH D for access to the Flame and Blue Waters with parking in lot near Fire Barn.

CTH D south to Indian Village to Old Prairie

Old Prairie to East Tippecanoe to West Tippecanoe to Deer trail to Mitten Lake to Chequamegon Forest trail to town line.

Old Prairie to East Tippecanoe to West Tippecanoe to Old Prairie to HWY 70

Bo-Di-Lac Road from HWY 70 south to the Minocqua town line.

Mr. Mayer commented that what we are debating today is the proposed route.

Lac du Flambeau town board has already passed the ordinance to have summer ATV/UTV routes. We are not here to pass an ordinance to allow ATV's/UTV's

because this has already been done. Today we are here to review the proposed new routes. This is quite a milestone for the town. It is quite an emotional issue for

both sides and we want all affected by our decision to know the board will be

monitoring this very closely. The ATV clubs have put in a lot of time and we should

give them the opportunity to try and show us what can happen if we do something positive. Mr. Mayer would like to see us as stewards for others in the county so that

they can learn along with us. If a problem arises we will fix it or abolish the program. All resources needed to keep this safe will be used. Other discussion was heard on

safety issues, liability issues and business opportunities. Enforcement is done by VC Sheriff's department, the DNR and ATV trail patrol. Dale Mayo from the county was in attendance today and is willing to work with the town in any way it can.

Motion by Chris Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the proposed ATV route as listed and re-adopt the ordinance at an upcoming meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke seconded by Mr. Mayer to adjourn at 3:37. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk