

August 19, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisors Chris Mayer, Ginger Schwanebeck, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Mike Strasburg from Lakeland Times, Kay Hoff, Norm Wetzel, Jim Sommerfeldt, Roberta Gast, Mel Hoff, Eric Johnson from FYI News.

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 Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve voucher numbers 47927-47963 from the General Fund account, voucher numbers 1640-1642 from the ambulance fund. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 5, 2015 Regular Town Board meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Un-reconciled balance of the General fund as of 08/15/2015 as \$793,289.87. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 08/15/2015 as \$403,809.20. August settlement was received this week but is not reflected in this report. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

State budget update regarding zoning: Sue Ackland zoning administrator reported on the State budget update. Mr. Gaulke asked Sue Ackland if she knew how the passing of the state budget with shore lands zoning affects us. Sue replied nobody knows. The county is doing regular permits. Some permits they are not doing because they do not know what's going on either. A few things are clear. You are able to tear down a house and rebuild. Sue believes this is a good thing. The county is waiting on the DNR's interpretation of several things and we take some of our direction from them. When Sue talked to Dawn at Vilas County Zoning last week because we have our own ordinance we might be sitting better off than the county because the update was directed to the counties to make the changes not directed to the towns. The state seems to forget about other municipalities having their own zoning. The county is not currently doing permits for boathouses. Mr. Mayer stated he would like to caution the board and recommended we should not site for infractions because things could change and that money would have to be returned. Mrs. Schwanebeck stated it seems the only impact would be we would have to review our ordinance to make sure we are not less restrictive than what the county ends up doing. A Wisconsin Towns meeting to be held in Cloverland is coming up and Sue stated she would be willing to attend to see if any information is presented on the subject.

Town Hall Property lot line survey: Mr. Gaulke stated we have on file an older plat done for the school which shows the adjoining parcel owned by the tribe which we are leasing. We do have access to our property from the roadway. The

fuel shed on the leased property will have to be moved. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to get an updated survey done to mark the lot lines for the town property and leased property. Motion carried.

Salt/Sand storage shed location: Mr. Gaulke stated we have a location at the transfer station site which should have plenty of room for a new salt/shed storage building. The land is pretty well cleared already. We are in the process of getting some estimates for the storage building. The site work would be optional and perhaps the road crew could get it leveled and graveled. The final grading and slab needed would have to get estimates. This item will be put on a future agenda.

Road Crew Personnel: Mr. Gaulke explained that one of the road crew employees has been off most of the summer due to a back problem. Mr. Gaulke is worried that because we are not sure and the employee is not sure what is going on, when and if he will be returning to work. The road crew has struggled all summer and has done an extraordinary job getting things done but we would definitely need that third person for winter. The employee's next appointment is the middle of September, and hopefully we will learn more of his disability. We are not sure what duties he would be able to perform as we really do not have any light duty work. Mr. Gaulke thinks it would be a good idea to look for another road crew person. The board is unsure of what route to take for hiring. We either hire a 4th full time person or pick someone up part-time on an on-call basis. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to put an ad in the paper for a part-time on-call only person for the road crew. Motion carried.

Hatchery Contract: Wayne Wolfe dropped off a letter from the Tribal Fish Hatchery Department. They are not able to provide fingerlings this year because of a renovation project. In their letter they are asking that the annual funding provided by the Town for stocking to be used to assist in funding this renovation project. At this time the town is facing other issues regarding an environmental study which might affect our budget. Mr. Gaulke stated perhaps we should table this request at this time and put on a future agenda after the cost estimates are received on the environmental study. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to table this agenda item for a later date. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk