

February 17, 2016 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: Eric Johnson from FYI, Jim Sommerfeldt, Tom Wegner, Mike Strasburg from the Lakeland Times, Kristen Peterson, Agnes Jack, Raquel Bell Zortman, Jim Schwanebeck.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

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 48353-48403 from the General Fund account, 5239-5261 from the River Valley Tax Refund Account, 5330-5335 from the Tax Account. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 13, 2016 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: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 01/31/16 as \$2,741,254.12. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 01/31/2016 as \$413,847.46. Treasurer has now finished collecting taxes. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Mayer to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion Firework Sales Ordinance: Mr. Gaulke explained that back in November 2015 the Lac du Flambeau Alcohol, Tobacco and Fireworks Committee had asked the town to look into creating an ordinance for Firework Sales. They had concerns about permits and safety issues. The board tabled the request at that time so they could have time to study Tribal Ordinance and see what could be done. Mr. Gaulke had put this on the agenda in January however there was no representation from the tribal committee so questions could not be asked. Mr. Gaulke put this topic on the agenda again today so that some type of decision could be discussed regarding the Sale of Fireworks in the Town of Lac du Flambeau with the tribal committee. Kristen Peterson from the tribal committee stated that the concerns the tribal committee has were with safety, permitted properly, proper insurance coverage. Mr. Mayer stated his concern is the enforcement of any ordinance which would be handled by the Vilas County Sheriff's department. Kristen stated that it would be fine to have a town ordinance stating that the town would follow the county's ordinance or state statutes. Mrs. Schwanebeck stated she had reviewed all the materials we have collected over the years and stated, #1 It is not in the best interest of the general public to allow the sale of fireworks in the strict statutory definition of fireworks (the big stuff which leaves the ground) and #2 allowing the sellers to self-police, meaning they would be required to whoever they are selling to that proper use permits were obtained.

Mrs. Schwanebeck stated after all the review she is leaning towards prohibiting the sale of fireworks within the Town of Lac du Flambeau on fee land and have an ordinance to explain that. The chairman is going to check with what the county has for an ordinance and see how it would pertain to us and the enforcement issues. The town and county have no jurisdiction on tribal land. We will revisit this agenda item at the next board meeting after obtaining some additional information.

Bartenders License Application for approval: Bartender application was received from Amy R. Steele. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.

Airport Update: Mr. Gaulke stated that Mrs. Schwanebeck has been elected chairman of the airport commission. Mr. Gaulke and Mrs. Schwanebeck explained to Jim Sommerfeldt how the airport contracts are set up. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk