

April 19, 2016

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 19, 2015 by Chairman Matt Gaulke. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck and Chris Mayer were present as were Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

Others present: Michael Strasburg from the Lakeland Times and Eric Johnson from FYI News, Jim Sommerfeldt, Bill McCutchin, Chuck Schaus, Ralph Kerler, Dean Hall.

This meeting was properly noticed as required by law.

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

The clerk read the minutes from the April 21, 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2015 financial results. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. A few questions were raised regarding some of the grants that were received. One of the grants was for the Lakes Committee and several grants for the Ambulance Department. Grant money is not a budgeted item as they are not a guarantee that the money will be distributed. Any budget surplus is put into the reserve account which is included in the general fund balance which is in CD's and the money market account. This is marked for special projects for example: environmental issues, sand/salt building and fire/ambulance building renovations. It is not used to reduce the budget. Question was received regarding how the environmental study was going. Coleman Engineering is finished with their work however the reports are not yet completed and available. A copy of the results will also be sent to the tribe who is the owner of the property. The transfer station revenue was up and that is probably due to the price increase and metal fees and people using the transfer station more. We try to be as conservative as possible with the budget revenues as they are not a guarantee. The intergovernmental revenue for severance and withdrawal are again a conservative figure as they depend on property being withdrawn from the managed forest program. The national forest income will no longer come to the town as it is distributed to the schools. Ambulance call revenue is in the ambulance fund. Volunteers are paid using a stipend granted for calls answered. The Chief also receives a very small administrative fee. The Chief gives a lot of his service time to the community. Mr. McCutchin would like the fuel costs for the road/ambulance/fire departments kept with better records of who uses what fuel. There is a ledger in the fuel shed. Vehicle equipment repair costs were up. We had some major repairs with our small plow truck, loader and one of the big patrol trucks. We also had the bucket repair on the loader. The repair was minimal compared to what a new bucket would have cost. Road inspections are generally done in spring to see what damages might have been done in the winter. We have a road construction plan of what we would like to do in the upcoming year however, after road inspections those plans could change. Question regarding

any prospects for cell coverage. We have not heard from any interested companies. Most of the companies do not like to locate on a tower they do not own. Chairman Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2016 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 1:45 p.m. Motion by Chuck Schaus seconded by Bill McCutchin to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk