

April 19, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting

The meeting today is a joint meeting between the Lac du Flambeau Town Board and the Tribal Council of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians held at the Lake of the Torches Casino/Convention Center Sakaogon Room.

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 9:06 a.m. Supervisor Chris Mayer, Supervisor Robert Hanson, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Tribal Council members, Tribal Attorney Andrew Adams, Brian Jopek from the Lakeland Times, Attorney Greg Harrold, many other residents attended. (see listing attached to these minutes.)

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

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

The town board and the tribal council welcomed those in attendance. Introduction of the Town Board and Tribal Council.

The meeting began with Attorney Adams giving a brief history of the Lac du Flambeau reservation.

Discussion Items:

Attorney Adams stated that the APAR that was done in previous years does not mean legal ownership of the roads.

The town's position is to meet global resolution, with the goals to assure open access to the roads, utilities and assure property owners are not charged for use of the roads.

Eric Chapman stated that the tribal department now has the vehicles and man power to maintain the roads.

A BIA safety audit was done and it showed the town roads have deficiencies.

George Thompson stated we need to work together.

Attorney Adams stated we are not to mix up the road issues with the other easement issues they are working on and they are not allowed to do perpetual easements.

Mr. Gaulke asked the Tribal Council for a list of roads where they have used Federal Funding.

Mr. Mayer stated the Town Board came to this meeting today with an open mind. Mr. Hanson stated the Town Board does not represent the non-tribal community they represent the entire community.

A representative from the BIA stated there can be a joint agreement on Federal Funding.

The meeting ended with the agreement that the Tribal Council and the Town Board will form a committee so together they can work on the issues. The tribal council already has their members for the committee in place being, George Thompson, Eric Chapman, and Dee Ann Allen.

The Town Board will have this item on their agenda at their next Town Board meeting scheduled for May 10, 2017 at 1:00.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk