

June 6, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:01 p.m. Supervisor Robert Hanson, Supervisor Chris Mayer, Treasurer Irene Messinger, Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Abbey McEnroe from the Lakeland Times, Eric Johnson from FYI News, DeDe Hanson, Pete Kolzow, Kay Hoff, Bill McCutchin, Jim Sommerfeldt, Norm Wetzell, Roberta Gast, Scott Harod, Nick Novy, Brian Pitlik, Elliott Rising Sun.

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. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve voucher numbers 50507-50536 from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 05/31/2018 as \$1,002,623.70. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 05/31/2018 as \$475,335.65. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: None

Opening bids Road Construction Projects 2018: Mr. Gaulke excused himself from the meeting to avoid any conflict of interest as one of the bidders is his employer. Two companies placed sealed bids to be opened today. The work in question is for .39 miles of North Squaw Lake Rd., 1.38 miles of Florsheim Rd, .46 miles of To-To-Tom Drive. Bids from American Asphalt came in as North Squaw Lake Rd. \$71,371.46, Florsheim Rd. \$220,356.20, To-To-Tom Drive 78,958.06. Bids from Pitlik and Wick came in at North Squaw Lake Rd. \$55,976.00, Florsheim Rd. \$186,714.25, To-To-Tom Drive \$62,798.00. The clerk reported the road construction budget is set at \$200,000.00. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to authorize the bid for Florsheim Rd. only from Pitlik and Wick. Motion carried.

Enforcement of Town Ordinances with Tribal Wardens: Elliott Rising Sun Chief Conservation Officer from the LDF Tribal Natural Resources Office is with us today. Mr. Gaulke talked with Elliott last week explaining that the town has ordinances primarily relating to boating, skiing, no wake, and no motor lakes. We have nobody except Mr. Gaulke to enforce them. Mr. Gaulke talked with Elliott asking if the Tribal Natural Resources Department would be interested in enforcing our ordinances for us. Elliott agreed to come to a Town Board meeting to talk to us about it. Elliott said they would be willing to work with the town. They have addressed several complaints recently regarding issues on Mitten Lake and To-To-Tom regarding non-motorized lakes. Mr. Gaulke stated it is important to note the town ordinances pertain to residents and non-residents of the town. They do not regulate tribal members within the boundaries of the reservation. The town has ordinances and the tribe has their own set of ordinances. Elliott mentioned that the town stated they would have the town attorney look into some type of mutual aid agreement or memorandum of understanding. Mr. Gaulke will contact the town attorney and

see the best route to take and stay within the state statutes. Elliott mentioned that the goal is to just make sure everyone is safe and not be hitting everyone with citations, but with a mutual aid agreement it would give them some authorization to enforce the town ordinances. Mr. Gaulke will work with our attorney and get some information back to Elliott to take to council and see how we can get an agreement to work together. This will be placed on a future agenda.

Ambulance Volunteer Compensation Pay: Mr. Gaulke stated at the Annual Town Meeting discussion was brought up regarding the ambulance run responses. Mr. Gaulke went to the last Ambulance meeting and one issue that came up was the compensation pay. Currently volunteers get a stipend of \$35.00 for a day run and \$25.00 for a night run. Weekend on call rate is \$125.00. The volunteers suggested that the rate be increased to \$45.00 for a day run and \$35.00 for a night run. They thought this would help with responses. Two volunteers are required to go on a call. We currently have 14 volunteers and are always looking for more. Signage is being looked into addressing the recruitment of new volunteers. The town does pay for the schooling. Another issue that was brought up was if they could get paid semi-annually. The clerk stated this would not be a problem as long as their reporting is done. Many volunteers are called on while they are performing their regular job and sometimes are just not able to leave their regular job. This issue of responses is not unique to Lac du Flambeau, it is statewide. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to increase the call rate to \$45.00 for a day run and \$35.00 for a night run and go to semi-annual payments. Motion carried.

Fire/Ambulance Volunteer Workwear: The volunteers are looking for new workwear for functional and pride purposes, such as t-shirts, jackets, high visual jackets, hats. For safety reasons this workwear would only be for the volunteers. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Gaulke to have the fire/ambulance volunteers get together a wish list with costs and bring it back to the board for approval before the order is placed. Motion carried. Mr. Mayer abstained as he is fire department volunteer.

Bartenders License: Applications were received by Jean Thoms, Marlene Bruch, Barbara J. Kollath, John Edwards, Christopher Fuller. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the applications as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to adjourn at 2:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk