

March 10 Regular Town Board meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Chartier at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Supervisor Matt Gaulke was present, and also present was Clerk Ginger Schwanebeck. Treasurer Peterman was absent due to being out of state, and Supervisor Christensen was absent due to being out of town.

Others present: Gene Ciszek, Emerson Coy, Len Fralick and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times
This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke, and seconded by Mr. Chartier to approve the agenda. The motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke, and seconded by Mr. Chartier to approve the minutes of the Feb. 3, 2010 regular meeting, as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Chartier, to approve vouchers number 42602 – 42692 from the General Fund, 1362 - 1370 from the Ambulance Fund and 5037 – 5044 from the Tax Account. The motion was carried.

Chairman Chartier reported on current financial status as emailed by Treasurer Peterman, as follows: Town general fund 3/10-2010 unreconciled balance is \$569,031.29 and the Ambulance Fund 3-10-2010 unreconciled balance is \$378,927.57 .Of the total \$6,922,870.48 in property tax collections, \$456,051.12 was retained by the Town. The remainder of the tax collections was distributed to the State, County, LUHS, LdF Public School and Nicolet College. Motion by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Chartier to accept the Treasurer's Report as provided. Motion carried.

NEW RULES FOR RECYCLING ELECTRONICS: Gene Ciszek advised the Board about the new rules, effective Sep. 1, 2010, for recycling electronics. Residents will be able to get a voucher from Town Hall and use it at Veolia or Northern Waste to dispose of electronics. Veolia and Northern Waste will then be reimbursed by Vilas County Solid Waste Committee for the recycling charges connected with the electronics. Mr. Ciszek will provide a notice to put on the website and publishing in the paper. No action necessary.

ROAD ENCROACHMENT, NEW POLICE BUILDING: The new Tribal Law Enforcement Center will be built partially on the foundation of the existing building, but will extend beyond the foundation in both directions. The sally port for squad cars will encroach several feet into the right of way of Moccasin Lane (road leading to Long Interlaken Lake between the former Fireside building and the Tribal police department). This short road is not used for vehicular traffic other than parking near the adjacent buildings. It is primarily used for access to the town dock at the lakeside. A motion was made by Mr. Chartier and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to allow the slight encroachment into the road right of way. The motion was carried.

POSSIBLE INCREASE OF AMBULANCE FEES: Lifequest, the firm that does our Ambulance billing, is recommending an increase of most ambulance fees. Their recommendation is based upon a comparison of other ambulance fees in the area. There was brief discussion. The Board believes that our current fees cover the services we provide and increasing the rates without substantial justification would only serve to accelerate the spiraling costs of health care, especially insurance premiums. A motion was made by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Chartier to not increase the rates. The motion was carried.

ROAD AGREEMENTS WITH BIA & TRIBE: The Board reviewed the request from the Tribe to approve the new traffic count done on Longs Point Lane and to approve the addition of additional town roads to the Memorandum of Understanding road lists. Because of some mileage discrepancies between our DOT records and the mileages shown on the lists, and duplication of some roads on the three separate lists, and the fact that Supervisor Christensen is not present, the Board took no action. A motion was made by Mr. Chartier and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to wait on any decision for more information and full Board presence before taking any action. The motion was carried.

BARTENDERS LICENSES: The Board reviewed for approval a bartenders license application for Elizabeth Bowman. A motion was made by Mr. Chartier and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the license. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Chartier and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to adjourn at 3:15 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,