

December 6, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Schwartz and Clerk Susan Schoonover were present.

Others present: Norm Wetzel, Roberta Gast, Thomas Maulson, Steph Greenway, Jim Sommerfeldt, Lenn Szydlo, Dale Lindsey, Dennis Pearson, John Bernard, Steve Klingaman, Kay & Mel Hoff, Shirley Baccaro, Sandy Schlosser, Dave Miess, Matt Cleery, Bliss Packer, Richard Pleet, Mary Possin, Greg Peckels, Joseph Hunt, Brian Jopek, Dan & Judy Lucas, Don & Carrie Tingwald, Denise Goetter, Deb Karpinski, Harvey Greg, Marti Hunt, Loi Doehlings, D Doehy, I Muenun, Doug Schroeder. Nineteen were present on zoom.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: John Waube, Anita Dionne, Celeste St Gemaine, Thomas Austin Sr.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Dennis Pearson addressed the Board regarding the State Uniformity Clause, devaluation impact vs permit fee price. Mary Possin spoke as to the resources available via Congress for a solution as this is beyond the scope of the Town's ability to solve. Joseph Hunt described the 2007 abandonment of Big Thunder Lane with documentation and the new road that was built on private land. Dave Miess reiterated the owner's use of the new road and abandonment of the Old Big Thunder Lane. Sandy Schloesser spoke to her unknown easement issues via BIA, Real Estate agents and previous owner not acknowledging any issues.

Approval of Vouchers: General Fund 3556-3595 & ACH 1535-1539; Ambulance Fund 19580-19584; Firehouse Construction 1009. Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the vouchers with the exception of the Firehouse Construction check #1008 until further information is provided. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of November 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Poll Workers for 2024-2026: Review of the Republican submission, Democratic submission, and unaffiliated submission. Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Waiver of Treasurer's Bond per Ordinance 2010-01 & Resolution 2023-01: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Bartender's License Allyson LaBarge: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the license request. Motion carried.

Discussion: Tower Update: Chairman Gaulke gave a report on the recent events. Supervisor Cobb questioned why income was less than 2023. Chairman to follow on contract negotiations with Vilas County.

Discussion/Possible Action OCEMS Contract 2024: Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to sign the 2024 contract under protest.

Convene Into Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to move into closed session pursuant to Wi Stats 19:85(e). RE: Road Easement Issue. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye; Supervisor Cobb aye; Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in closed session.

Reconvene Into Open Session: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to return to open session. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye; Supervisor Cobb aye; Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in open session.

Action Regarding Closed Session: Chairman Gaulke reports on action from closed session to include a letter will accompany the 12/12/23-01/12/24 payment, to be reviewed by legal, acknowledging the 12/1/23 letter from President Johnson. A Special Town Board Meeting will be held 12/13/23, for closed session, to confer with legal regarding recent activity.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk