

April 19, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting for 2022 was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 19, 2022 by Chairman Matt Gaulke. Supervisors Gloria Cobb and Robert Hanson were present as were Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

Others present: See attached list. (electors have signed in)

This meeting was properly noticed as required by law.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanon to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2021 financial results by category. Revenues Budgeted \$1,281,583, Actual \$1,565,006. Expenses Budgeted \$1,281,583 Actual \$1,565,006. Financial Notes were read. The Town did receive \$183,536.31 in ARPA Funds in 2021. .

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any items for discussion that are allowed at the Annual Meeting pursuant to State Statute 60.11.

Firehouse/Ambulance Construction: Chairman Gaulke gave a brief history of the construction plans that were held over the past several years. The firehouse was originally just going to be remodeled but bids were very high and it was later decided that a new facility would best fit the area. In order to do that property needs to be purchased for the facility. There has been some private property availability. Property located on Hwy 47 by Raven Lake Road is owned by Joe Francois and he has offered 3 options. A 10 acre parcel for \$320,000, a 12.4 acre parcel for \$425,000 and a 42 acre parcel which has 90 feet of lakefront frontage on Raven Lake for \$550,000. There is also another piece of property owned by Tom Maulson off of Thorofare which is about 8 acres for \$70,000. Both of these properties would probably need sewer and water put in as it has not been determined if we could hook into the tribes sewer and water facilities. Additional costs for sewer, well, clearing, road work with a small contingency which would total \$174,000, with additional inflation costs of \$200,000. The fire protection system would also need a special water source for the sprinkler system.

Supervisor Hanson feels that the process needs to be fixed. He would like to restart the process by first revoking the previous funding motions made in 2019 and 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Kay Hoff to rescind the motion made at a Special Town Meeting held April 22, 2019 to secure funding of \$1,750,000 for the reconstruction project. Motion carried Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Mell Hoff to rescind the motion made at the April 20, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to secure funding for a new firehouse/ambulance building in the amount of \$5,100,000.

The funding amount can be secured after deciding what is really needed. A vote on the floor in favor of rescinding the motion for the \$5,100,000 funding was 40-opposed 12. Motion carried

Advisory Motion to the board by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Kay Hoff to Contact Five Bugles Design Corporation out of Eau Claire Wisconsin for a presentation of new firehouses/ambulance buildings they have designed. They start with the fire department to see what they need along with the public and board. They work on the costs, correct location, design, grant writing and the bidding process. Motion carried. Supervisor Hanson feels that we need guidance and a professional design corporation needs to come into the picture. Supervisor Cobb stated that Architecture North already did this process with the fire/ambulance department and they are a design corporation. Chris Mayer felt that the comment from Supervisor Hanson was out of line, he feels that Architecture North is a professional Company.

Motion by Bill McCutchin seconded by Chris Mayer to purchase the 42 acre parcel for \$550,000. A vote on the floor to approve the purchase of the 42 acre parcel was in favor 27- opposed 16. Motion carried.

Supervisor Cobb doesn't like to keep spinning our wheels and also feels that Supervisor Hanson's comment on Architecture North's professionalism was questioned.

Advisory motion to the board by Ken Frauenhoffer seconded by Patty Zimmerman to direct the board to proceed with the Architecture North plan. A vote on the floor in favor of proceeding with Architecture North's plan was in favor 36-opposed 12. Motion carried.

Motion by John Bernard seconded by Jerry Munson to secure funding of \$5,500,000 for the new Firehouse/ambulance building. A vote on the floor in favor of securing the funding of \$5,500,000 for the new firehouse/ambulance building was in favor 34-opposed 14. Motion carried.

Motion by John Bernard seconded by Supervisor Hanson to amended the motion to read and look for the best funding source available. Vote on the floor to amend the motion to look for best funding was in favor 37-opposed 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Gaulke did talk to Incredible bank and their rate of 3.59% for 15 years and 3.84% for 20 years. They would hold those rates for 30 days. The cost to the taxpayer on a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$39.54.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions.

Motion by Norm Wetzal seconded by Bill McCutchin to hold the Annual Town Meeting for 2023 on the third Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried

Mr. Gaulke asked again if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2022 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 3.30 p.m.

Motion by Chris Mayer seconded by Kirby Giampa to adjourn the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. No opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk

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