

April 16, 2019

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 16, 2019 by Chairman Matt Gaulke. Supervisors Gloria Cobb and Chris Mayer 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.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Chris Mayer seconded by Gloria Cobb to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Mayer seconded by Gloria Cobb to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. The motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2018 financial results. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. Various questions were asked regarding the vehicle repair costs and who does our repair, which is outside vendors, excess hauling fees which is because of the charge for metal, workman's comp expenses went down most likely due to lack of incidents, library cost up due to Northern Waters project, airport costs are based on equalized values. Explained how the reserve fund works which is a yearly transfer of over revenues and under expenses, 2017 audit results not yet in due to compatibility of software products, Ambulance Fund and what it is used for which is mainly equipment, however the sign project is also a part of that fund, tower users and revenue from users, call pay for EMS, road sign replacement, which were all answered by the board.

Mr. Gaulke opened up the meeting for discussion for any items allowed at an Annual Town Meeting pursuant to State Statute 60.11.

Discussion went into the new fire hall addition construction which will also be handled at a Special Town Meeting on April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Jim Sommerfeldt spoke stating he does not feel the town is ready at this time for the addition to go forward. Mr. Sommerfeldt would like to make a motion which is an advisory to the board to have a town board appointed 5 member committee to oversee the Fire and Ambulance Department. Mr. Gaulke asked if this committee was just for the construction aspect or for the general operations of the Fire and Ambulance Department. Mr. Sommerfeldt responded in general and the addition would fall into this committee. Motion seconded by De De Hanson. Mr. Mayer asked if this committee would include Fire and EMT personnel. Mr. Sommerfeldt that the Fire and EMT personnel could be advisory personnel to the committee. Mr. Mayer had concerns regarding the moral of the current members and the formation of this committee. Others attending the meeting feel that the committee should be combined between citizens and Fire/Ambulance personnel. Others feel that the Fire/Ambulance Department knows what is needed and a committee doesn't need to be formed to confirm this. Mr. Gaulke asked for a vote count on the motion on the floor, which is an advisory to the board. 9 in favor and 8 against to having the town board look into forming a 5 member committee. Motion carried.

Question regarding the funding request from the Minocqua Library. Mr. Gaulke stated this was brought up at the budget meeting and the funds available were designated to the Lac du Flambeau Library. Anyone is still able to use the Minocqua Library. Question regarding having public comment item on the agenda. De De Hanson has made up a form to be considered by the board for anyone to fill out and deliver to the clerk or board member regarding an item they would like on the agenda. The agenda is determined by the Chairman. Discussion on meeting times which is also determined by the Chairman. Jim Sommerfeldt spoke stating he made up a draft stating at a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. you will be asked to approve the funding for the firehouse construction/addition at a cost of \$1,500,000 - \$1,750,000 the eligible voters in the room will be asked to make that decision, which may leave out many eligible voters. Therefore he would like to make a motion to draft a resolution to have a vote on the firehouse expansion to go to a mandatory referendum at the next general election. This would be advisory to the board as it is not in the statutes as a power of the annual meeting. Motion seconded Kay Hoff. Vote 4 in favor, 11 against holding a referendum at the next General Election on the firehouse expansion. Motion failed.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2019 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 12:20 p.m. Motion by Jim Sommerfeldt seconded by De De Hanson to adjourn the 2018 Annual Town Meeting at 12:35 p.m. No opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk

These minutes remain a draft until approved at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting