

March 3, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Mayer, Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Irene Messinger
Absent: Clerk Nancy Edwards

Others present: Jim Sommerfeld, Kay Hoff, Mel Hoff and Bill McCutchin via speakerphone.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motion by Supervisor Chris Mayer, seconded by Supervisor Gloria Cobb to approve vouchers 53021-53097 of the General Fund; 8317-8322 of the Tax Account and 1850-1853 of the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Chris Mayer, seconded by Chairman Matt Gaulke to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Irene Messinger reports balance of \$1,151,941.69 in the General Fund and \$397,779.85 in the Ambulance Fund. Motion by Supervisor Chris Mayer, seconded by Supervisor Gloria Cobb to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Public Comment on agenda items: none.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: RECYCLING JIM SOMMERFELDT

Jim Sommerfeldt demonstrated the recycling numbers on several items. Concern is that Eagle Waste is only accepting #1 and #2; with an unknown date for #3-#7. Board discussion to invite Eagle Waste to attend a future board meeting to clarify their process and charges.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: LDF L.U.A. FOR CONSTRUCTION

Chairman Gaulke relates that the Lac du Flambeau Fire Department had requested the Town to pursue land for potential fire station/town hall building. Supervisor Gaulke's discussion with Tribal Land Management Department Supervisor Jesse Peterson directed him to complete the Tribal Land Use Agreement and submit for department review and review by Tribal Council. Supervisor Gaulke's discussion with Tribal Council member George Thompson centered on the possibility of a property trust deed for the Town to use the land as designated; however, when no longer used for that purpose, the land would revert back to the Tribe. The Tribal LUA was presented to the Board for approval of submission to begin the Tribal approval process; with no commitment obligated. Supervisor Cobb agreed that this process would need to be performed no matter what location would be desired. Supervisor Mayer had questions for clarification including obligation of the Town and the question if the Tribe was paying taxes on the land along with the process for the Town to have it removed from the tax rolls if utilized by the Town. It is unknown if the property is owned by the Tribe or controlled by the Tribe. Assessor Paul Carlson would need to clarify these concerns.

Chairman Gaulke reiterates that there is no commitment for the Town at this point, just beginning the Tribal process on feasibility for property use. Supervisor Mayer made a motion to submit the Tribal Land Use Agreement as prepared to the Tribe for review; second by Supervisor Cobb. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: 4/20/21 ANNUAL MEETING

Chairman Gaulke related his conversation with Tribal Incident Command Head, Dan Thompson regarding holding the annual meeting on the Reservation. Mr. Thompson stated that the Resolution on large gatherings is still in effect, however would like the Town Board to submit a written plan, including safety protocols, for the meeting to be held. Discussion on other locations including Lake of the Torches Convention Center, Tribal Bingo Hall, Town of Arbor Vitae location or Town of Woodruff location. Decision to investigate Lake of the Torches Convention Center as a first choice as Tribal ICS and Sanitarian would be able to coordinate with Lake of the Torches on gathering restrictions, numbers etc. Motion by Supervisor Mayer to draft letter to Dan Thompson, Tribal Incident Command for the annual meeting on 4/20/2021, requesting the use of the Convention Center at the Lake of the Torches Casino. Seconded by Chairman Gaulke. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Mayer, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan Schoonover in Clerk's absence.