

From: Bill & Sue
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 4:05 PM
To: LDF Town Clerk
Subject: fire/ambulance addition

ATTENTION: L.D.F TOWN

CLERK NANCY EDWARDS

Please read this at the beginning of the regular town meeting on 02/12/2020- item 9 on the agenda

Town Board members and citizens of Lac du Flambeau,
Since the special town board meeting on 01/29/2020, I have listened to that recorded meeting numerous times to fully understand the thoughts on the new fire and ambulance building. Also after listening and absorbing what was said, I personally and individually talked to the architect, Mr. Glenn Morrison, Chairman Gaulke, Supervisor Meyer and Supervisor Allen about what my personal collective thoughts were and listened to their ideas as follows:

(1) To attain the proposed building at the cost established and approved budgeted amount of \$1,750,000 is nearly impossible – a total realistic cost could reach a high end cost of \$2,500,000.

(2) To take anything away from the building construction and infrastructure to achieve this amount is almost like giving the fire and ambulance department a vote of no confidence.

(3) To remodel this structure is (might I use an old quote) trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. In the end you still have a sow wearing lipstick. The existing fire/ambulance building could be torn down or repurpose all or part of it. - Waste not, want not

(4) Another extreme issue that no one has addressed to my knowledge is what do you do with all the existing fire and ambulance equipment while the construction is on going – up to a year – this could have disastrous consequences if the equipment is located in different areas of the town. It can not stay in the existing building during construction and additional costs may be incurred also.

(5) To do a remodel/new construction type of building is one of the most expensive ways to get a building. There are too many unforeseens which result in added costs.

(6) I believe the town can achieve a new building for the budgeted amount or very close to it. To confirm my thought on this, I talked to a large commercial builder and after a very lengthy conversation, this was confirmed with our limited available information.

(7) To date the fire and ambulance department space needs have been addressed and that is 65% +/- of the design. For a redesign all that would be needed is the building size and layout then transfer the infrastructure back into it. This will lower design time drastically for drawings to go out for rebid.

(8) If this present bid is tabled, I am asking you to appoint a four person committee as outlined before in my letter of 01/29/2020 to investigate this option. I have asked all four people that I have talked to in this past two weeks - who are the present committee members that have made all these decisions to date and have they met collectively to discuss everything. Two board members have mentioned one other person and one board member knew of no one on a committee. I as a citizen want to know who is making these decisions and how information was collected.

Thanking you in advance for your time,
Bill McCutchin