

April 20, 2021

The Annual Town Meeting for 2020 was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 20, 2021 by Chairman Matt Gaulke. Supervisors Gloria Cobb and Robert Hanson were present as were Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

This meeting is for the Annual Town Meeting for 2020 which was postponed due to covid restrictions. This meeting is being held at the Arbor Vitae Town Hall due to continued Covid restrictions.

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

This meeting was properly noticed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Gaulke announced that Joe Wildcat was appointed to the Vilas County Board this morning to fill the seat of Al Bauman.

Motion by Gloria Cobb seconded by Robert Hanson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2019 financial results by category. Revenues Budgeted \$1,222,154 Actual \$1,303,097 - Expenses Budgeted \$1,222,154 Actual \$1,176,535 and Financial Notes were read. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. A question was asked why the reports prepared for the electors did not contain 2 years of financial results.

Question on why the grant money is not included in the revenue section.

Answers were answered by the board.

Motion by Jim Sommerfeldt to increase the Treasurer's salary 25% from \$10,500 to \$13,125 effective after the next Town Board election in April 2023. Motion seconded by Robert Hanson. Mr. Gaulke asked for a vote.

Vote in favor of increasing the Treasurers salary was 21, no opposed. The vote passes.

Question regarding the annual zoning statistic report presented by Zoning Administrator. This report will be presented at a Town Board Meeting to be held in May-June 2021. This report will include years 2019 and 2020. Question asked what happens to the over budgeted/under expense amounts in the 2019 financial reports. These amounts are transferred to the reserve account.

Mr. Gaulke read the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Mike Zimmerman seconded by Kay Hoff to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Sommerfeldt stated he is advocate for getting more high speed internet thru out the Lac du Flambeau area. Broadband committees were formed, surveys were done but it seems nothing has materialized. Frontier has put in some fiber optic cable to cover some areas. Carl Zimmerman assistant

Administrator at the LDF School spoke stating the school has had internet service for at least 10 years but was unsure where else in the community it was available. Only other options are private companies such as Hughes Net, Sonic Net. There are other options available thru cell service however a lot of areas are underserved. Emerson Coy Director of Planning for the LDF Tribe and Dion Reynolds from the Business Development Corp spoke stating they have a committee that has been meeting on a weekly basis for the last 6 months to work on plans to get internet for everybody. The tribe applied for FCC airways to use and can use for internet also. They talked about Grant applications and the probability of working together as a partnership with the town. It would be good to get a feasibility study and see where we are at. They are thinking for budget reasons for the town if the town could contribute \$10,000. GIS Mapping needs to be done to see where the blind spots are located. Larry Ouimette Superintendent of the LDF School stated it is also very important for the school children to have internet to work from home and many currently have poor or no internet connections. Supervisor Cobb offered to work with the planning committee. Jim Sommerfeldt stated he would also volunteer. Jim Tuckwell from the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation is also working on this problem which seems to be throughout the county.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2020 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 2:53 p.m. Motion by Mike Zimmerman seconded by Emerson Coy to adjourn the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. No opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk

Due to the covid restrictions at the time of the meeting these minutes remain a draft until approved at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting