

April 20, 2021

The Annual Town Meeting for 2021 was called to order at 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday April 20, 2021 immediately following the previous Annual Town Meeting 2020 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 Mike Zimmerman seconded by Bill McCutchin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2020 financial results by category. Revenues Budgeted \$1,264,744 Actual \$1,375,371 - Expenses Budgeted \$1,264,744 Actual \$1,181,601 and Financial Notes were read.

Susan Schoonover was introduced as the new Deputy Clerk effective 1/4/2021.

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

Question asked if the fire and ambulance statistics could be put on the website. Question asked if the fire and ambulance department could be promoted on the website. It was explained that the LDF Fire and Ambulance Department does have their own website but we can put a link to that on the town website.

Mr. Wetzel stated that Wisconsin Legislature changed the Open Meetings Law permitting a government body to post official meeting notices on its website along with posting in one public place in lieu of posting in at least 3 public places or publication. This will be put on a future agenda.

Mr. McCutchin brought up the subject of the new accounts payable software for the town. The clerk mentioned she had contacted two firms and getting quotes and training options on the quick-books program. There are several methods of owning this program. It can be on only a designated computer or in the cloud program. The board will have to decide which way they want to proceed with. Mr. Wetzel asked for an update on the 2017 audit questions. The clerk read a brief description on what Mr. Wetzel was referring to, explained that the auditors stated it was a clean audit. The clerk suggested that Mr. Wetzel get together with Supervisor Hanson to go over the questions and pinpoint exactly what Mr. Wetzel and Citizens for Education were looking for and perhaps they can come up with answers or suggestions or we can call in the auditor for additional costs to advise the board. Mr. Wetzel commented on when will we start our next audit.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to direct the Town Board to take out a loan in the amount up to 5.1 million dollars for the construction of a new Firehouse/Ambulance building. Motion seconded by Bill McCutchin.

Discussion: Mr. Gaulke stated that at a previous town board meeting the

location was discussed. He was in contact with the tribe and sent on the application to land management to see about the possibility of a long term lease of the property from the tribe located at the corner of Hwy 47 and Thorofare Rd. He has not yet heard back from them. They were going to do their historical studies and work on their process. Mr. Zimmerman stated that land management is waiting on the latest drawings. Mr. Gaulke's understanding is the town would be allowed to use the land as long as needed as long as it remained a firehouse/ambulance building. Mr. Wetzel asked if that figure included the 1.75 million previously approved at the April 22, 2019 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Gaulke stated they are separate motions. Questions were asked on will the plans fit our needs for many years, population growth, an informative meeting on plans, audit of the fire department to make sure it is up to date on materials needed, a long term plan on town expenses. The Town Hall will remain at its current location. Mr. Gaulke asked for a vote on the motion on the floor which is to direct the Town Board to take out a loan in the amount up to 5.1 million dollars for the construction of a new Firehouse/Ambulance Building. Electors in favor 18, electors opposed 14. Motion carried.

Question brought up regarding the status of the airport commission representative. Mr. Gaulke currently is the representative. He does not intend on staying on that committee forever and will be looking for applicants for that committee in the future.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2021 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 4.02 p.m. Motion by Mike Zimmerman seconded by Greg Lisner to adjourn the 2021 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