

May 5, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Clerk Nancy Edwards, Treasurer Irene Messinger were present. Supervisor Cobb was not in attendance. Others present: Jim Sommerfeldt, Kay Hoff, Lakeland Times, Norm Wetzels, Roberta Gast, John Bernard, Bill McCutchin, Gary Szychlinski, Tom Wegner, Stan Guif, Pete Kolzow Road Crew Foreman.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve vouchers of the General Fund #53160-53245. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of April 1, 2021 were tabled until the next meeting as Supervisor Cobb was not present and Supervisor Hanson was not yet on the board. Treasurers Report: Treasurer Irene Messinger reported the reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 4/30/2021 as \$1,081,588.27. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 4/30/2021 as \$418,112.74. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried:

Public Comments: None

Authorize Road Construction Bids for 2021: Road Crew Foreman Pete Kolzow stated he is looking at 5 roads for 2021 construction projects, 2 roads are left over from last year Winifred Lane, Thunderbird Lane. He is also looking at Adventures Camp Lane, Bobidosh Point Lane and part of To-To-Tom Dr. approximately 1/2 mile. There are 3 roads that could use a spot patch before they get worse, E. Boundary Rd, Florsheim Rd. and N. Bolton Rd. On Winifred Lane perhaps get bids for both chip seal and asphalt bids and it would be asphalt bids on the other roads. Pete will review the bids prior to awarding the bids. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to authorize Pete Kolzow to go forward with the advertising of the road bids. Motion carried.

Road Crew Equipment needs: Pete Kolzow road crew foreman gave a report on equipment that will be needed to keep in mind for budget planning. The town is in need of a new front end loader. Current Loader is a 1997 and is getting old. Estimate replacement \$275,000. He is also looking at a 1 1/2 ton pickup approximate cost \$85,000. Our current pickups are a 2002 F350, 1992 1/2 ton pickup and a 2008 3/4 ton pickup with a dump box and patching machine and are getting old. He said he is also suggesting a pickup with a plow estimate cost \$50,000. It is suggested that Pete come up the cost replacements and trade in values, along with a 5 year equipment outlook plan and bring that back to the board. This will be put on a future agenda.

Appoint Ross Yeschek to Lakeland Airport FBO contract committee: Mr. Gaulke explained that at the airport budget meeting the FBO contract will be up in 2022. They want to put together a committee to review the existing contract to see if any changes are needed. Mr. Gaulke talked to Ross Yeschek who is a pilot and a retired corporate attorney and thought he would be good for the position. Mr. Yeschek is willing to be the Lac du Flambeau representative. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to appoint Ross Yeschek to the airport FBO contract committee. Motion carried.

Hazard Pay Transfer Station employees: This item was requested to be on the agenda as a 3 month review item. We are still under covid restrictions being on the reservation do we want to extend the hazard pay. Chairman Gaulke stated being on the reservation we will follow the tribal emergency measures when it comes to health purposes. Motion by Supervisor Hanson to extend the Hazard pay for the transfer station employees for review in 3 months. Motion seconded by Chairman Gaulke. Motion carried.

Road Crew to develop/ advise on a 5 year road reconstruction plan. Supervisor Hanson asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. Chairman Gaulke suggested to the Road Crew foreman to come up with a listing of the roads and what kind of shape they are in from best to worst. We can then use this list for review. This listing could not be set in stone as some roads break down due to the weather conditions, road use changes and would need to be moved up on the listing. Motion by Supervisor Hanson to have the road crew develop a 5 year plan to use as a framework for developing a road plan for the future. Motion seconded by Chairman Gaulke. Motion carried.

Agenda Meeting Postings: It was suggested at the annual meeting to have the clerk post the agenda meetings on the website and in one public place according to new guidelines offered by the Wisconsin legislature. The clerk feels that her current postings of agendas which is on the website, the Town Hall Door, the Post Office, the Grocery Store, the tribal departments and noticed to the paper better serves the community than what was suggested as not all residents have internet connections. The clerk stated she will continue posting the agendas as she currently does.

Update on Bookkeeping system: The clerk has been working with WIPFI on obtaining the QuickBooks program to process and replace her accounts payable and payroll program to go into effect for 2022. She informed the board that a decision needs to be made on placing the program on just one computer or to put the program in the cloud which would enable to use the program from any computer location and allow WIPLI to connect if a problem arises. This item will be put on a future agenda to determine which direction the board wishes to go forward with.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Chairman Gaulke to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Edwards
Town Clerk