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October 19, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Gaulke. Supervisor Cobb, Supervisor Hanson, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Deputy Clerk Susan Schoonover were present.

Others present: see sign in list.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for the passing of Candace Diver and Tricia La Barge.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve vouchers of the General Fund Account 2575-2605 & ACH 1282-1283; Ambulance Fun 19515-19519. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the minutes of the Regular Special Town Board Meeting held October 5, 2022. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Messinger presented her treasurers report. Total in our regular accounts as of 09/30/22, amended 10/06/2022; \$1,527,153.57. Ambulance Fund as of 09/30/22, amended 10/06/2022; \$602,498.70. Reserve account \$243,079.15. Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Oneida County Ambulance Service Contract: Sheriff Grady Hartmann was present to relate how the previous contract had been billed and what prompted the changes in charging for the contract starting 01/01/2023. This is a flat fee vs a formula based on run numbers and equalized value from the previous contract. Sheriff Hartmann stated he did not have the authority to approve a reduction, but would be amenable to an adjustment for the first year, which he could take back to the County Board for approval. Decision to review the data, options and discuss at next meeting.

Timber Status on Fire Department Property: Supervisor Hanson requested this agenda item regarding the substantial amount of timber on the recently purchased property; wondering where it was going and who was purchasing the timber. Chairman Gaulke stated that we could ask Architecture North regarding the 4 acres we are clearing first, however it would have been handled in the bid. Supervisor Hanson requested that we keep this in mind for future clearing.

Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee Meeting 09/26/2022: When asked about his attendance and agenda request, Jim Sommerfeldt stated that he was inquiring

about the status of emergency services employment deficit, as he had heard that Vilas County Emergency Management had considered a county wide solution. Further, he wasn't sure that the county statistical report was matching the reporting numbers from Chief Wegner regarding ambulance responses. He also reported attending the "four towns meeting" last week regarding exploring a possible independent solution for those towns. Supervisor Hanson confirmed that there was a county committee a couple of years ago, however, it was met with little support to develop a county wide response and it is unlikely in the future with the state of the county's budget.

Jim Sommerfeldt's second agenda item on the 09/26/22 Vilas County meeting was regarding a sheriff's substation in the new fire department. He stated that since Sheriff Fath had told him 27% of the 2022 calls were to the Lac du Flambeau area; he felt an annex should be considered. Tribal Police Chief T.J. Bill was present to relate that 24/7 availability of the Tribal Police Department's office is given to the county when they are in the area. It is a better fit and it would be costly to outfit an additional office.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adjourn at 1:39 P.M.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schoonover
Deputy Clerk