

March 2, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 2:00 p.m. Supervisor Cobb, Supervisor Hanson, Treasurer Irene Messinger, Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Lakeland Times, John Bernard, Norm Wetzel, Kay Hoff, Jim Sommerfeldt, Roberta Gast, Susan Schoonover, DeDe Hanson, Dion Reynolds, Joe Wildcat, Tom Wegner, Daniel Overbey, Brian Gauthier.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence for the passing of community members: Norma Hayman, Sharon Rentree, Barbara Oppasser, Rose Ann Smart, Bobby Williams, Rosaline Poupart, Scott Chapman, Mary Masiakowski.

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 #2058-2114, ACH 1234-1238, Tax Account 10000-10004. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Irene Messinger presented her treasurers report. The \$21,000.00 for the 2022 propane contract was paid back to the Reserve Account from the General Fund. Reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 2/28/2022 \$1,473,160.46, Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 2/28/2022 as \$507,354.69, Reserve Fund as of 2/28/2022 \$174,415.85. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion Carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Daniel Overbey:** Mr. Overbey was present at today's meeting to introduce himself. He is running for the Vilas County Court Judge Branch II. Mr. Overbey stated he will not be running against Martha Milanowski as she is the County Court Judge Branch I. We will now have 2 judges after the election. He gave us a brief overview of his accomplishments and goals. The board thanked Mr. Overbey for visiting us today.

**Re-appointment of Airport Commissioner:** Mr. Gaulke has left the room as he is the current Airport Commissioner and the board needs to make the decision. He appointed Supervisor Cobb to conduct the meeting for this item. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to re-appoint Mr. Gaulke as the Airport Commissioner for the 2 year term. Motion carried. Mr. Gaulke has returned to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**Broadband Update:** Dion Reynolds was present at today's meeting. He stated that they have not heard back regarding the NTIA Grant that they had applied for last year. They have applied for another USDA Grant which would bring in a fiber backbone from Fifield. He stated that the timeline they are working with is 2-5 years. He will keep us updated on the process.

**Letters from Citizens for Education in Town Governance:** Letters from Norm Wetzel representing Citizens for Education in Town Governance were received and acknowledged by the board

**Questions for Citizens for Education in Town Governance:** Supervisor Cobb wanted this item on the agenda today. She is seeking information on what the Citizens for Education in Town Governance group is about so she can be educated and more transparent on their requests. She wants to know what their mission is. Mr. Wetzel stated their mission is education. Their goals are to attend town meetings, collect information and share that information and general community education.

**Zoning Administrator position:** The clerk reported she has received 3 applicants. We will set up a meeting for a Special Town Board Meeting in closed session on either Friday March 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. or Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The clerk will see contact the applicants and post the meeting.

**Town Hall Roof:** Pete Kolzow is getting some estimates on the roof. An insurance claim was submitted and they came out to estimate the damage and said to get the inside repairs done and they will come back when snow is off roof and weather improves.

Mr. Hanson would like to have another meeting for the ARPA funding. A date of March 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. was decided.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk