

January 10, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting

The Special Town Board meeting of the Lac du Flambeau Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Schwartz and Clerk Susan Schoonover were present.

Others present: Betsy Hottinger, Norm Wetzell, Kay Hoff, Robert Gast, TJ Bill, George Hopfensperger, Dave Wakeman, John Bernard, Pam Fraboni, Mary Lou Fisher, Dennis Pearson, Ron Glowac, Dean & Steph Greenway, Jim Sommerfeldt, Jim Martin, Peter Kolzow, Brian Jopek, Dawin & Dianne Lohse, Mike & Nancy Clark, Don Tingwald. Nine were present over ZOOM.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: John Mattioli, Judy Rice, John Spellmeyer, Joey Wildcat, Lydia Wagner, Thomas Young Jr, Larry Kraul.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Road Foreman Pete Kolzow commented on the Longevity Pay agenda item stating it was typically paid at the end of the year and was not paid in 2023. He stated it had been in effect for approximately 30 years, not a specific budget line but taken out of payroll according to a document.

Jim Martin commented on the Easement issue agenda item inquiring about the status of the FOIA request from August and requesting an update.

Discussion: Tribal Police Chief TJ Bill and Investigator George Hopfensperger: Officers explained with the beginning of COVID how drug trafficking had changed course and the impacts that were noticed locally by August of 2022. After a demonstrative discussion, they informed the public of the multiple agencies they partner with all over the State and Federally. The Tribal Police Department has now absorbed the Tribal Emergency Management Department and will be working to keep the public informed.

Approval of Vouchers: General Fund 3591, 3635-3675 & ACH 1546-1556; Tax Fund 10017; Ambulance Fund 19587-19588; Firehouse Construction 1010: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular Town Board meeting December 20, 2023: Motion to approve by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb. Motion carried.

Discussion: 4th Quarter Zoning Update: Administrator Zimmerman recapped the 4th quarter numbers and where 2023 ended up.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Bartender' License Jordan Diver: After a record review, motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the request. Motion carried.

Discussion: Fire & Ambulance Numbers Update: Per previous community requests, a standard report form was developed that represented the call numbers/income/expenses for the Departments for the month of December and YTD for 2023. Discussion.

Discussion: Supervisor Hanson regarding Future Planning: Supervisor Hanson urges the Board to commit to a long-term financial plan. He suggests UW Extension may have resources.

Convene Into Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to move into closed session pursuant to Wi Stats 19:85(e) for item 15 Road Easement issue and 19.85(1)© for item 16 Fire Chief and Longevity Pay. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye; Supervisor Cobb aye; Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in closed session.

Reconvene Into Open Session: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to return to open session. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye; Supervisor Cobb aye; Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in open session.

Action Regarding Closed Session: Chairman Gaulke announced that with regard to item 15 Road Easement issue that the Board will be preparing the monthly letter to the Tribe.

Action regarding item 16, motion by Supervisor Cobb to refer the issue to the Vilas County District Attorney for review, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Motion carried.

Action regarding item 16 Longevity Pay, motion by Supervisor Hanson to not issue these payments for 2023 but to develop a performance pay policy in 2024, seconded by Supervisor Cobb. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk