

January 31, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting

The Regular Town Board meeting of the Lac du Flambeau Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb and Clerk Susan Schoonover were present.

Others present: Betsy Hottinger, Dave & Cindy Wakeman, Jim Sommerfeldt, Norm Wetzell, Pam Fraboni, Mary Possin, John Disch, Marg Hathaway, William Olmsted. One was present over ZOOM.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Dave Wakeman addressed the board regarding easement payments and the thought process behind it as there is no negotiation going on so why is the Town paying the increasing amounts instead of putting the money in a separate account. Additionally, Wakeman addresses the Board regarding his limitations of blind faith and the need to know what is going on with the easement situation and law makers. Darwin Lohse addressed the Board requesting to know about the February-March payment submission. Secondly Lohse wanted to know if the \$3 million liability coverage the Town carries; is this per occurrence or total payout.

Convene Into Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to move into closed session pursuant to Wi Stats 19:85(e). RE: Road Easement Issue. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye; Supervisor Cobb aye; Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in closed session.

Reconvene Into Open Session: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb 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: Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to make the upcoming easement payment. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke announced that the Board was engaged in closed session in a video call with Senator Baldwin and her staff. The Board provided her with information, and she assured that she would again reach out to Governor Evers, BIA Secretary Newland and Secretary of the Interior Hoaland for attention to the issue and an taking an active role in the resolution.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk