

October 6, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Irene Messinger, Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Lakeland Times, John Bernard, Norm Wetzel, Kay Hoff, Susan Schoonover, Bill McCutchin, Jim Sommerfeldt, Roberta Gast, Scott Harrod, Charlene DeWald.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

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 #53517-53543. Vouchers of the Ambulance Fund 1869. Motion carried

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021, Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Irene Messinger presented her treasurers report. Reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 9/30/2021 as \$1,302,306.25. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 9/30/2021 as \$456,792.48. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion Carried:

Public Comments: None

Firehouse Land Committee Formation: Electors asked for the formation of a Firehouse Land Committee for the purchase of land for a new firehouse site at a previous meeting. An ad was published in the Lakeland Times for volunteers for the committee. The clerk had no responses. Bill McCutchin said he would be interested. He had spoken to Tom Wegner who was interested along with Mike Zimmerman and John Melzer. Mr. Gaulke thought the architect should also be involved. Jim Sommerfeldt also expressed interest along with Charlene DeWald. Charlene later withdrew her offer stating Jim Sommerfeldts offer would be fine. So the committee would consist of Bill McCutchin, Jim Sommerfeldt, Tom Wegner, John Melzer and Mike Zimmerman. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to accept the formation of the Firehouse land committee with the above member listing. Motion Carried.

Strategic Planning Committee Formation: Supervisor Cobb asked for this to be on the agenda. Supervisor Cobb stated she would like to meet as a board first to see where we are going. Discussion could lead into forming a committee to see how we can proceed. Supervisor Hanson stated he would like to have some training on strategic planning. Supervisor Cobb stated Brian Gauthier could come to our next meeting to explain just what strategic planning is. Chairman Gaulke will have this placed on our next agenda.

Audit 2017: Citizens for Education in Town Governance regarding the 11 questions they submitted pertaining to the 2017 audit. The Chairman went over the questions one at a time. The board answered the questions to the best of their ability. Suggestion from Supervisor Hanson that any funds removed from the reserve fund should be by board motion. Discussion held when another audit should be performed. Mr. Wetzel feels that an audit should be done more frequently than the suggested 5 year plan. He feels that testing our system with an audit would show accountability. He is suggesting an audit be done for 2 to 3 years in a row, which would show a matter of trust of the finances. Mr. McCutchin stated that the Town of Woodruff does an audit every year. Mr. Gaulke will put this on the next agenda. Supervisor Cobb was rather upset in the trust of the electors and the board. She is agreeable in an audit every year as the board has nothing to hide. She stated we must start looking forward together. Supervisor Hanson feels that trust is not the issue that transparency is the goal. Supervisor Cobb stated that hopefully these audit concerns are put to rest and to look forward.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk