

December 4, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Mayer, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Supervisor Cobb arrived at 1:20 p.m. Others present: Jim Sommerfeldt, Bob Hanson, Tom Wegner, Darwin Lohse, Diane Lohse, Pete Jacobsen, Kay Hoff, Antone Beson II, Mike Clark.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve all voucher 51933,51891, 51969-52002 of the General Fund. Motion carried. For the record Gloria Cobb arrived late and approved the vouchers also.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Irene Messinger provided her treasurers report as follows. Un-reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 11/30/2019 as \$927,481.30. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance fund as of 11/30/2019 as \$433,630.66. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments on agenda items only: Question regarding holding of check for Gloria Cobbs signature as she was absent for last 2 meetings.

Big Thunder/Redpoll Lane: Mr. Gaulke explained he was approached by residents asking what it would take for the town to take Big Thunder and Redpoll Lane over as town roads and then the town would maintain them. Big Thunder and Redpoll Lane are currently easement roads. Mr. Gaulke explained the town road ordinance to them which specifies what type of surface is needed and that it also needs to be deeded to the town which they were going to look into. Darwin Lohse stated it has been hard to maintain the easements due to various reasons. The residents were wondering if the town would construct the roads to specifications and the residents could be assessed for the improvements on their tax bills, or construct the roads themselves and then turn it over to the town. Mr. Gaulke stated with the town budget being tight it would be hard for the town to construct it and put on their tax bills. It would be better for the residents to construct it and turn it over to the town. Mr. Lohse stated they would probably like the town to do the bidding process. With the other town projects in process such as the fire station construction it would be better to look into the options and what is needed for deeding, surveying and table this request at this at this time. We will put it on a future agenda.

Appointment of Election Board 2020-2021 term: The clerk provided a list of election inspectors to serve on the election board for the 2020-2021 term. Letters were received from the parties with electors willing to serve on the board which were included in the list. Rate of pay will be General Election workers \$11.00 hr. and Chief Election Inspector's \$13.00 hr. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the Election Board members for the 2020-2021 term. Motion carried.

Transfer Station recyclables/hazardous waste: Pete Jacobsen transfer station attendant stated that the hazardous wastes are picked up by a company called Retrofit several times a year. These include batteries, televisions/monitors, ballasts, fluorescent lamps, bulbs etc. This program was set up years ago when Gene Cizek was the attendant. The bill was always paid by the LDF tribe. In November Pete received an email from Retrofit & Dee Ann Allen stating the LDF tribe will no longer be paying for these disposals. Attached was also 2 bills, one from 6/27/19 \$1176.90 and one bill from 9/9/19 for \$505.75 for the town to pay. Most of the hazardous wastes that are brought to the transfer station originate from tribal entities. Pete feels we have two choices. Either charge for these items-as they come in, or refer them to the Oneida County landfill hazardous site who would also charge. Gloria Cobb is going to check with Dee Ann Allen to see if she will provide us with some more information and also into the policies for Advance Disposal for these items and what the charges are. Direction was given to the clerk to pay the two bills submitted and at this time we are going to table this item until more information is received from Gloria. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Gloria Cobb to continue taking the hazardous material at this time and pay the bills that were submitted, and this will be put on a future agenda. Motion carried.

Bartenders License: Application received from Jamie Armstrong for a bartenders license. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the application as presented. Motion Carried.

Donation from LDF Tribe for ambulance/fire payroll: Communication came from the LDF tribe that they have changed their policy for payment to the ambulance/fire personnel for their service. In past years they would always give an additional check to the volunteers. They do not want to continue this practice of how they process this. They want to give the town a donation of \$20,000 and have the town issue checks to the volunteers. We were not sure we could do that and the clerk consulted the auditor who in turn said we could take the donation but then we would have to follow-up with a budget amendment resolution. Gloria stated that because of IRS rules the tribe had been making the payment to the volunteer's tax free which cannot be done. They stated that because the ambulance/fire department falls under the town responsibility they want to send the donation over to the town. Gloria will also follow up on the payments. In the future the donation should be sent earlier in the year so this donation payment can be included in the 2nd payment made by the town to the volunteers. Motion by Gloria Cobb seconded by Mr. Mayer to accept the donation and follow-up with a budget amendment resolution. Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk